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-Embraced By the Moonlight-

VOLUME 3

SAKI HIWATARI

CHARACTER INTRODUCTION AND RELATIONSHIPS IN EMBRACED BY THE MOONLIGHT

REN KOBAYASHI

GRADE SCHOOL STUDENT, SON OF RIN AND ALICE. HE HAS SEEN HIS PARENTS USING THEIR ABILITIES SINCE HE WAS A SMALL CHILD. THUS HE BELIEVES HE POSSESSES A POWER, TOO.

RIN KOBAYASHI

REN'S FATHER. HIS ESP POWERS ARE SO MIGHTY THEY ENABLE HIM TO FLY. PRESENTLY, HE'S A FREELANCE COMPOSER.

[illegible]

REN'S MOTHER IS A PROFESSIONAL SINGER. HER POWER ALLOWS HER TO MAKE PLANTS GROW WHENEVER SHE SINGS!!

[illegible]

RIN'S PAST LIFE. REN CALLS HIM "THE HANDSOME FELLOW".

[illegible]

ALICE'S PAST LIFE. REN CALLS HER "THE BEAUTIFUL GUARDIAN ANGEL".

KACHIKO

REN'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND. SHE INHERITED MIGHTY ESP POWERS FROM HER FATHER, MIKURO. SHE LIVES WITH THE KOBAYASHI FAMILY. SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHO HER MOTHER IS.

[illegible]

ONE OF REN'S CLASSMATES. A RATHER INTELLIGENT PUPIL.

MR. MOKOYAMA

REN'S TEACHER. HE'S INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING THAT'S "MYSTERIOUS".

NOBUYUKI TSUJIDO

REN'S CLASSMATE. HE'S IN LOVE WITH KACHIKO.

MIKURO YAKUSHIMARU

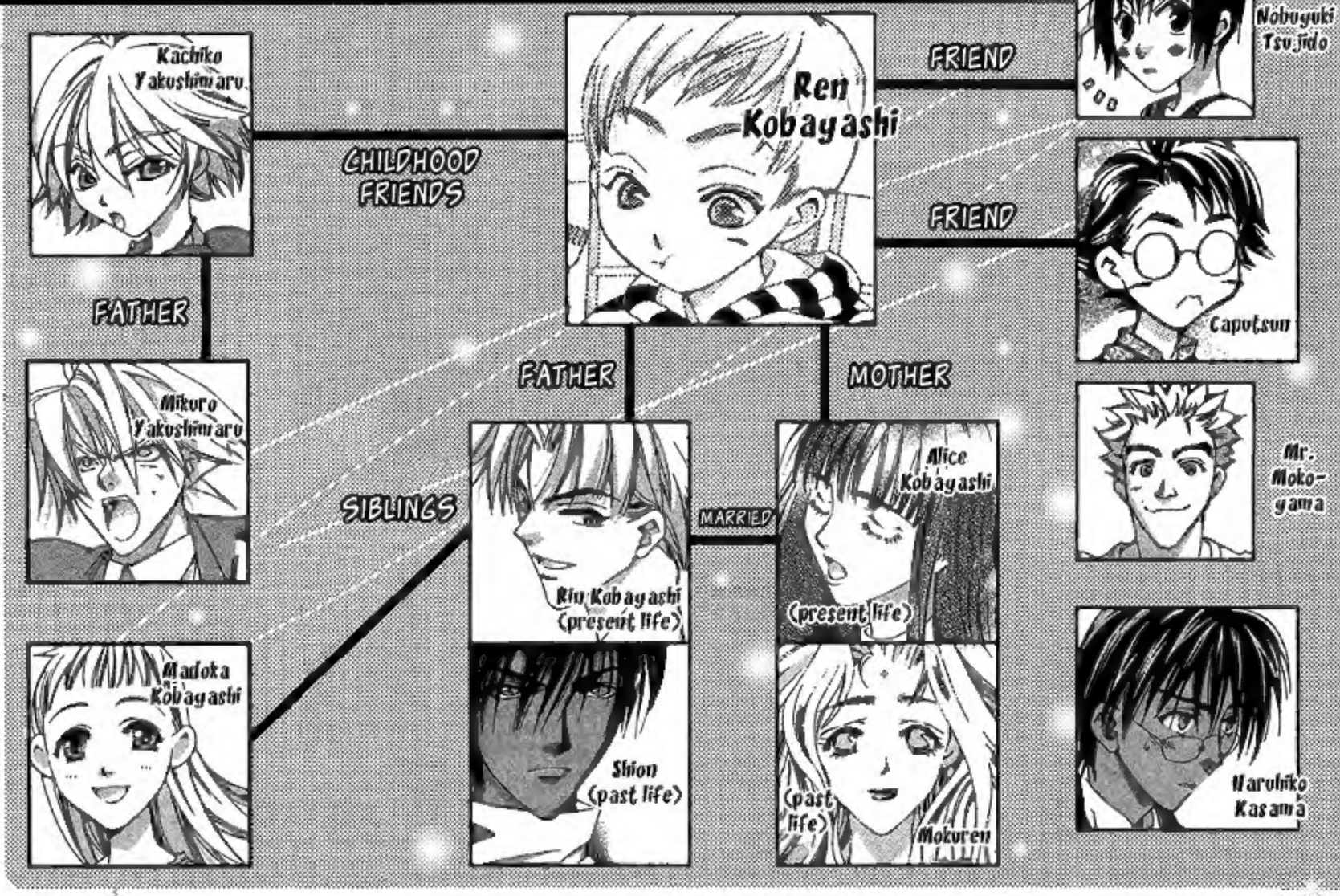
HE'S AN ESPER PRESENTLY WORKING IN NORTH AMERICA FOR EPIA. SINCE HE COULDN'T TAKE HIS DAUGHTER, KACHIKO, WITH HIM, HE ENTRUSTED HER TO HIS BROTHER HOKUTO.

MADOKA KOBAYASHI

DESPITE BEING ONLY THREE YEARS OLDER, **MADOKA IS REN'S AUNT.** HER MEMORIES GO BACK TO THE TIME SHE WAS IN HER MOTHER'S WOMB. LIKE HER BROTHER RIN SHE POSSESSES AN INNATE TALENT FOR MUSIC.

HARUHIKO KASAMA

PRESENTLY, HE'S A WRITER. HE WAS AN ACQUAINTANCE OF RIN AND ALICE IN THEIR PAST LIFE. HE'S REN'S AND KACHIKO'S CONFIDANT.



THE KOBAYASHI FAMILY IS FULL OF MYSTERIES: THE FATHER IS ABLE TO FLY IN THE SKY, THE MOTHER HAS THE POWER TO MAKE PLANTS GROW WITH HER SINGING. AS TO REN, OUR HERO, TWO GUARDIAN ANGELS ARE WATCHING OVER HIM.

WHEN REN SAYS HE WANTS TO QUIT SCHOOL IN ORDER TO ENROLL IN A "MAGIC SCHOOL", ALICE DECIDES TO CONTACT HIS TEACHER, MR. MOKOYAMA. THE LATTER ONE SUDDENLY INFORMS REN ABOUT THE OPENING OF A "MAGIC SCHOOL" WITHIN THE SCHOOL BUILDING. ACCOMPANIED BY KACHIKO AND CAPUTSUN, HE INVESTIGATES THE SEVEN SCHOOL MYSTERIES BUT THEY TURN OUT TO BE DISAPPOINTING...

SOME TIME LATER AT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL... REN HAS BEEN CALLED A "LIAR" FOR A LONG TIME. THE ONE WHO STARTED CALLING HIM BY THAT NICKNAME WAS HIS CLASSMATE NOBUYUKI. SINCE REN WANTS TO GET RID OF IT, HE ASKS HIS FATHER TO FLY IN FRONT OF ALL HIS CLASSMATES! RIN RELUCTANTLY AGREES AND COMPLIES, BUT...

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Chapter 8 The Ocean Of Memories

YES.

SHE SHOULD ARRIVE SOON.

DAD WENT TO FETCH HER!

!!

EH?

MADOKA IS COMING OVER?!

YIIPEE!

MADOKA?

WHO IS SHE?

MADOKA?

SHE'S IN FOURTH GRADE!

BUT WE'RE ONLY THREE YEARS APART!

SHE'S MY AUNT!

AH, SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.

I HEARD ABOUT IT.

SHE'S YOUR FATHER'S LITTLE SISTER?

YES, THAT'S RIGHT!

YO... YOUR AUNT?!

IN FOURTH GRADE?!

AAH! MADOKA!!

REN! MADOKA HAS ARRIVED!

REALLY?!

THERE'S A TINY FLOWER GARDEN IN THE HOUSE,

AN AUNT IN FOURTH GRADE...

Amazing.....

KACHIKO SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO FEEL THE PRESENCE OF GHOSTS...

WHAT? AH BAAH BAAH... HAHAHAAH.

We're gonna have so much fun!

Yiippee!

I'VE NEVER MET HER.

REN'S FAMILY NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME...

MADOKA!!

IT'S BEEN AGES!

REN!

THIS IS MY LITTLE SISTER. SHE'S 13 YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME.

BY THE WAY, SHE'S TEN AND THEREFORE 3 YEARS OLDER THAN YOU!

MADOKA IS REN'S AUNT!

Bow

I'M MADOKA KOBAYASHI. NICE TO MEET YOU ALL.

THANKS FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME FOR THE NIGHT.

YOU'RE EXACTLY LIKE MY BROTHER SAID YOU WOULD BE!

AND YOU'RE KACHIKO, RIGHT?

YOU MUST BE CAPUTSUN.

I COULDN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU ALL.

MY BROTHER TOLD ME ABOUT YOU DURING THE DRIVE.

YOU KNOW US?

AH!

はは Hahaha

BECAUSE MA-DOKA MENTIONED SHE WANTED TO GO THERE!!

WELL, YOU SEE...

BY THE WAY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO THE SEA WITH US?

EH? TO THE SEA? NOW?

IS THAT POSSIBLE?

FOR WHAT REASON, DAD?

WHILE NIGHT IS FALLING...

AND SO WE CAME.

Seriously

SURFERS ARE HERE ALL THE TIME.

THE SEASIDE HOUSES ARE ALREADY CLOSED.

YET, THERE ARE STILL SOME SURFERS LEFT?

IS MR. KOBAYASHI ALWAYS DOING

WHAT YOU ASK OF HIM, MADOKA?

YES, USUALLY.

BUT THAT'S BECAUSE DAD LOVES MADOKA VERY MUCH.

HE ALWAYS SAYS SHE'S LIKE A TREASURE TO HIM!

IT'S INCREDIBLE BECAUSE WHEN I DO ASK SOMETHING OF HIM, THE ANSWER IS USUALLY "NO".

HAHA.

YOU KNOW WHY HE ALWAYS AGREES WITH ME?

NO. WHAT'S THE REASON THEN?

WHEN YOU WERE BORN, I HAD A JEALOUSY CRISIS.

AND I RAN AWAY FROM HOME.

I THINK THAT'S WHY.

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Ren, who wants to show Kachiko the leaves falling off a Ginkgo Tree, invites her to his holiday home in Akita. But a man appears, who pretends to be an acquaintance of Kachiko's mother!! Ren is suspicious of him, yet Kachiko, wanting to know everything about her mother, listens to him attentively...

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PLEASE SAVE MY EARTH

ALICE IS A MODEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. YET, ONE DAY, HER LIFE CHANGES RADICALLY WHEN SHE REALIZES SHE'S A REINCARNATED LUNAR INHABITANT. SHE MEETS HER OLD FRIENDS, WHO HAVE ALSO BEEN REINCARNATED AND CAUSES THE ACCIDENT OF HER YOUNG NEIGHBOR. FROM THAT DAY ONWARD HE STARTS TO BEHAVE STRANGELY.

I MUST HAVE BEEN AROUND THREE YEARS OLD SINCE IT WAS AT THE TIME OF REN'S BIRTH.

WELL, ONLY ONCE.

HOW MANY TIMES? HOW OLD WERE YOU THE FIRST TIME?!

ME TOO!!

EH?

YOU RAN AWAY?!

THIS HELPS TO FORM BONDS

IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO! I ADORE YOU, REN! ♡

SO THIS WAS THE REASON. FORGIVE ME, MADOKA, I...

TH... THREE YEARS OLD?

OF COURSE, THIS ALSO HAPPENED BEFORE REN'S BIRTH.

ALICE WASN'T THERE, WE WERE ALONE.

THE FIRST TIME I CAME TO THE BEACH WITH HIM,

I REMEMBER THEM PERFECTLY.

HE TAUGHT ME VARIOUS THINGS...

Don't go too far!

AT THAT TIME, I HAD BECOME SO VERY ATTACHED TO MY BROTHER.

IN ADDITION, MY BROTHER WAS TAKING REALLY GOOD CARE OF ME.

AND HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN IT HAPPENED?

THAT'S WHY I LOVE THE SEA SO MUCH.

THAT'S A LIE.

I MUST HAVE BEEN A BABY THEN.

I WASN'T ABLE TO STAND ON MY OWN TWO FEET VERY WELL.

THERE GOES HIS AUNT STARTING TO MAKE THINGS UP, TOO?

JUST WHEN REN STOPPED LYING,

Hum—mm

WHAT?

AND I WOULD KNOW WHO SHE IS!

I WOULD REMEMBER MY MOTHER!

OTHERWISE,

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING WHEN YOU'RE THAT YOUNG!!

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY RECALL THAT!

I AGREE!!

I ASSURE YOU!!

NEVERTHELESS, IT'S TRUE, KACHIKO.

OH.

SHE WAS IN HER MOTHER'S WOMB!

POSSESSES MEMORIES FROM THE TIME...

BUT MADOKA ...

I'M SORRY NOT TO HAVE MENTIONED THIS SOONER.

THAT'S RIGHT.

YES,

FROM THE TIME... YOU WERE IN YOUR MOTHER'S...

AND FINALLY MY BROTHER'S VOICE.

ONE DAY, I AWOKE.

I COULD HEAR MOM'S VOICE, TALKING TO ME, AND ALSO MY DAD'S VOICE.

I PRICKED UP MY EARS AND I CALMLY LISTENED TO THE DIFFERENT NOISES COMING FROM THE OUTSIDE.

"IT HOLDS THE SAME MEANING AS YOUR BROTHER RIN'S NAME."

AND MOM SAID,

"YOUR NAME WILL BE MADOKA."

ROTATES AND ROTATES, AND MEETS UP STILL.

"A CIRCLE" THAT LIKE THE EARTH AND THE MOON

JUST LIKE I HAD BEEN THE FIRST TIME I BECAME AWARE OF IT.

EVERYBODY IS ALWAYS DUMFOUNDED.

WHEN I TELL THIS,

THEY SAY I'M WEIRD.

WHEN YOU ENTER THIS WORLD, IT'S TRULY A PAINFUL AND TIRESOME MOMENT.

MAYBE EVERYONE HAS FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT, BUT

REALLY VERY UNPLEASANT.

I WAS ALSO DESPERATE DESPITE THE FACT I WAS BREATHING.

AND THEN WE DISCOVER AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WORLD.

THAT'S WHY WE CRY A LOT!

HO... HOW DID YOU CHECK IF THIS IS TRUE?!

HOW I ENVY YOU.

GREAT, GREEEAT.

THAT'S GREAT ...

BESIDES, MADOKA IS A GENIUS.

DAD TOLD ME SHE'D BE ABLE TO ENROLL IN UNIVERSITY IF SHE WERE TO WORK REALLY HARD!

Tsss, Tss, Tss. Caputsun is a big skeptic.

IT'S TRUE, CAPUTSUN

EVEN NOW, WHAT MADOKA SAYS STILL AMAZES DAD.

HENCE I WANTED TO COME TO THE BEACH BE-FOREHAND.

Pfff. A different world.

SHE ALSO PLAYS THE PIANO VERY WELL.

THE OCEAN... WITHIN YOU?

I THOUGHT ABOUT MAKING THE BEACH RESONATE WITH THE OCEAN WITHIN ME...

YES, THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO POLAND

FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS WITH MOM.

BY THE WAY, YOU'RE GOING TO STUDY THE PIANO ABROAD SOON, AREN'T YOU?!

MY BROTHER MENTIONED IT TO ME.

THE FIRST TIME I CAME TO THE SEA,

YES, THE OCEAN WITHIN ME.

BECAUSE THERE EXISTS AN OCEAN WITHIN EACH HUMAN BEING.

NO, I DUNNO.

DO YOU KNOW WHY WE DREAM?

ANCIENT MEMORIES FROM EARTH.

THE OCEAN IS FILLED WITH MEMORIES,

ORIGINALLY, LIFE CAME FROM THE SEA!

THEY SAY THE MOONLIGHT IS THE ONE WHICH STIRS THEM.

LOOK, YOUR TEARS ARE PROOF OF IT, AREN'T THEY?

IN THE OCEAN EXISTING WITHIN HUMAN KIND, THE LIGHT AND THE ATTRACTION OF THE MOON ARE THE ONES UNLEASHING DREAMS.

YOUR HUMAN BODY IS FULL OF WATER LIKE THE OCEAN.

THE MOONLIGHT ILLUMINATES THE OCEAN.

THIS TIME AROUND,

CASTING THE MEMORIES OF THE OCEAN.

THE BILLOWS ARE FORMING THE SCREEN

YOU HAVE SEEN A CINEMA SCREEN BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?

IT'S THE SAME PRINCIPLE FOR THE MOON!

REFLECTION

IT IS SHINING WHEN IT RECEIVES SUNLIGHT.

THAT'S WHY

WHEN THE TIDE IS COMING IN OR GOING OUT,

EARTH WATCHES ANCIENT DREAMS.

VERY OLD MEMORIES?

STIRS WITHIN US...

SO, MAYBE THE MOON-LIGHT

THERE'S AN OCEAN WITHIN EACH OF US.

THAT WAS THE CASE.

MY BIG BROTHER TOLD ME

ALICE GOT HIM OUT OF THIS DREAM.

AND THEN

HE SAID WHEN HE RECALLED VERY FAR OFF MEMORIES,

DESPITE BEING THE SADDEST ONE OF THE TWO.

HE WORRIED MOM AND DAD

AND MADE THEM SAD.

That night,

thanks to my discussion with Madoka (even if it was a bit complicated),

I had a weird dream, Guardian Angels!

I dived into the sea

at top speed

Dad and mom were in a boat, above me.

They were watching me with a worried look in their eyes.

It was dark. I was slightly afraid.

I was waggling my hand wildly.

But I didn't back down.

And my diving went on.

Hun?

I can hear something.

Because I wanted to know,

if, like Madoka said,

the sea is filled with memories.

What's this?

GOOD MORNING, REN.

THE TINY GARDEN IS FABULOUS.

GOOD MORNING, MADOKA.

ISN'T KACHIKO HERE?

NO, BUT THIS IS PERFECT TIMING.

EH?

WHY?

I WANT TO ENTRUST A SECRET TO YOU.

SAY, REN.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY EVENING?

YES!

IT WAS VERY INTERESTING!

BIG BROTHER TOLD ME THIS OLD STORY.

INCIDENTALLY, IT WAS FOR THAT REASON HE TOLD IT.

HE HAD NO CLUE IF I WOULD UNDERSTAND.

IT'S TRUE. I WAS BUT A BABY AT THE TIME, SO BIG BROTHER COULDN'T KNOW.

IN OTHER WORDS, I WAS A BABY.

SO?

STORIES YOU'LL SOON COME TO UNDERSTAND, REN...

RIN TOLD ME MANY OTHER VERY STRANGE STORIES.

NEXT TO WHAT MY BIG BROTHER IS ABLE TO DO!

YESTERDAY, YOU SAID I WAS A GENIUS, BUT THAT'S NOTHING MUCH...

HE'S EVEN BETTER THAN I AM!

ARE YOUR STORIES INTEREST-ING?

VERY!

BEFORE LEAVING FOR ABROAD, I WANTED TO TELL YOU THIS.

SCRATCH SCRATCH

HMM.

HE'S HIDING IT, BUT IT'S THE UTTER TRUTH!

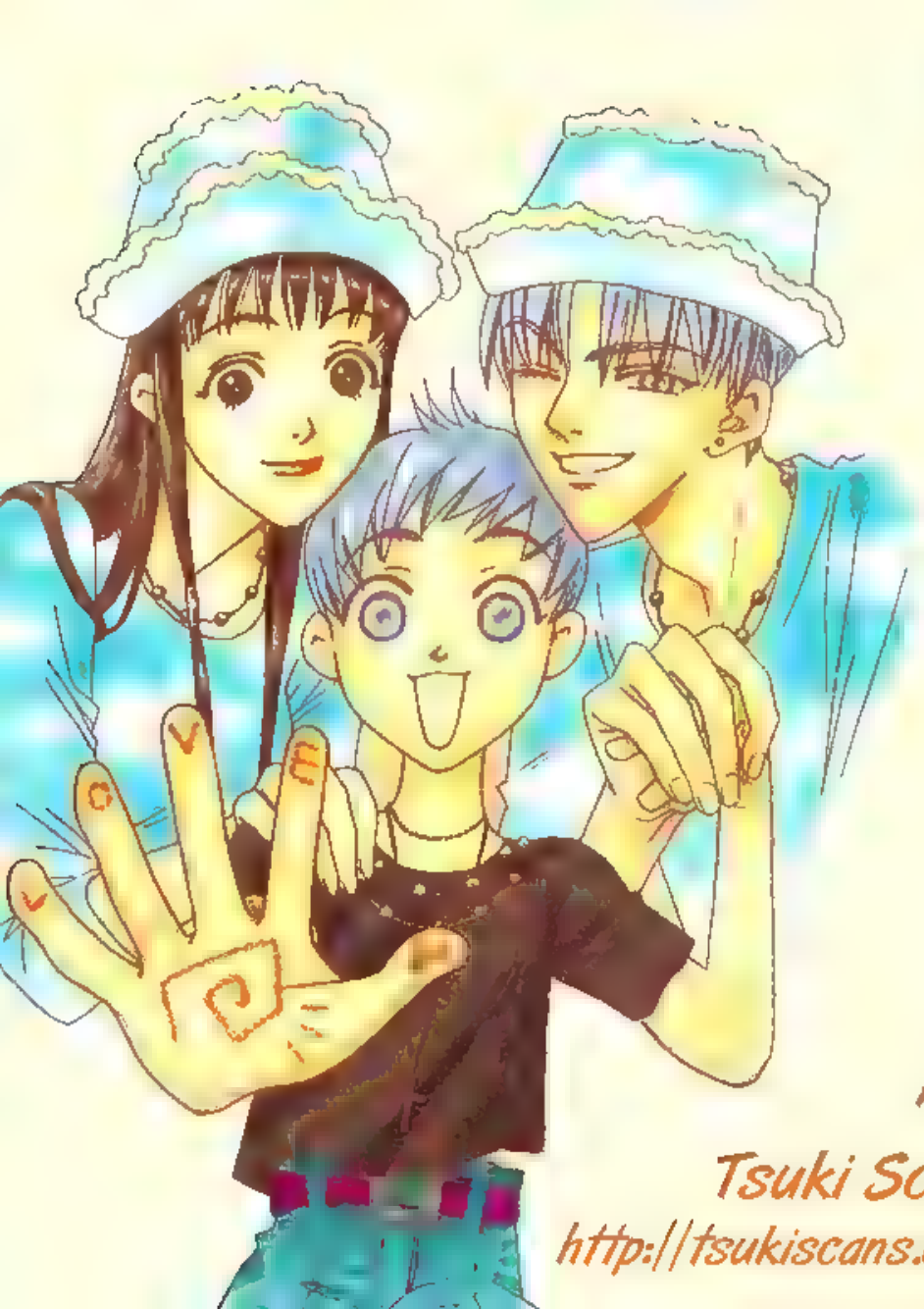
Ash, don't laugh!

HAHAHAHAHAHA!

My father?! Hahaha hahaha!!

COME ON, STOP LAUGHING!

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, I WON'T SAY A WORD!



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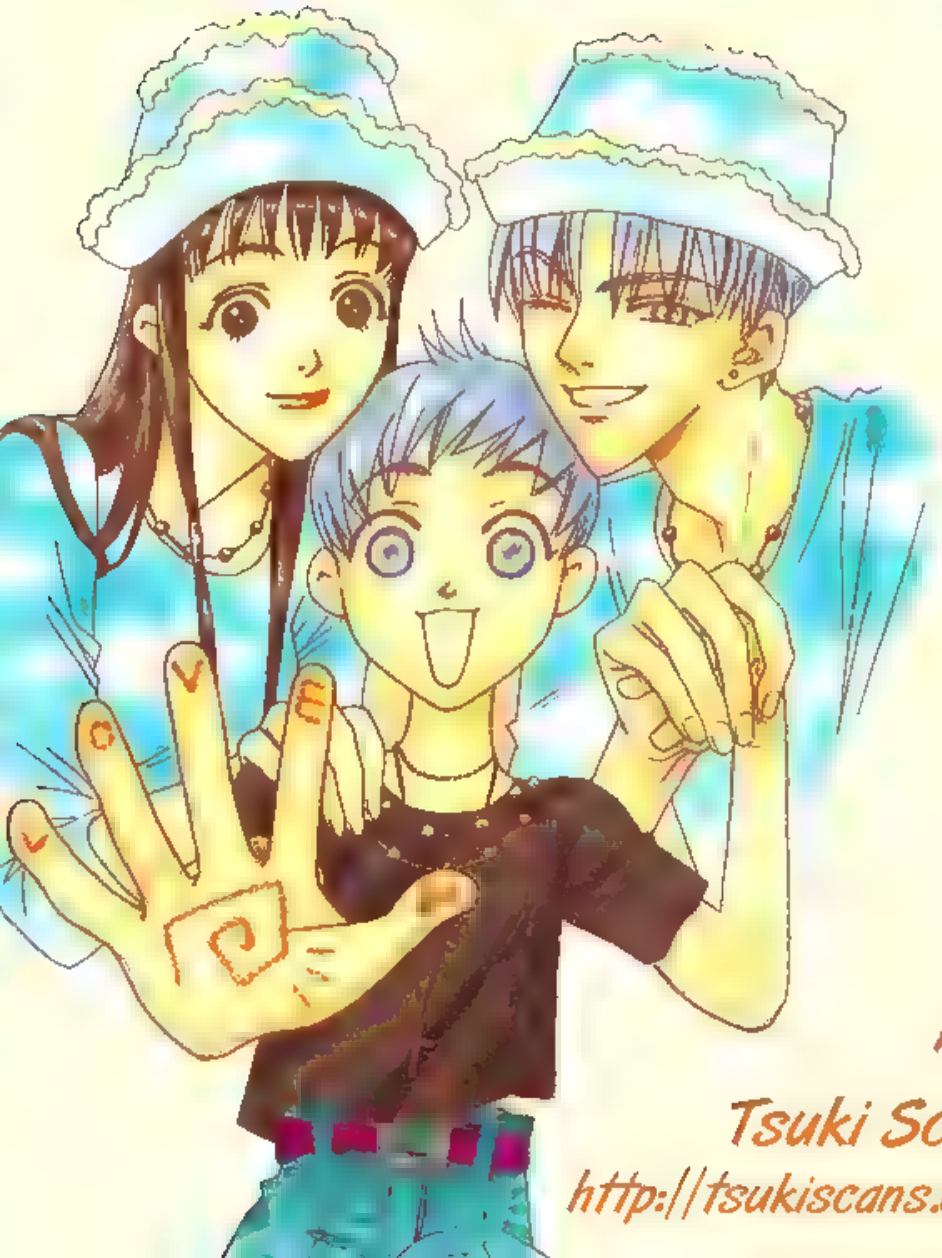

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Chapter 9

NEAR AKITA, IN THE MOUNTAINS BEHIND MY HOUSE,

THERE STANDS A VERY TALL GINKGO BILOBA.

EVERY YEAR AT THE END OF NOVEMBER, IT'S AMAZING!

ALL ITS LEAVES ARE FALLING OFF! ALMOST ALL AT ONCE.

AND WHEN THEY FALL THEY FORM A CURTAIN MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TREE!

THEY MAKE A NOISE SIMILAR TO A THUNDERSTORM!

I ALREADY SAW IT ONCE.

BUT THIS TIME AROUND IT'S GOING TO BE TERRIFIC.

DO YOU KNOW WHEN THE LEAVES ARE GOING TO FALL?

YOU BET!

NO. WE'LL BE LUCKY IF WE SEE IT.

WHAT? THAT'S NASTY!!

JUST THE TWO OF YOU?

TAKE US WITH YOU!

You bunch of egoists

OKAY?

AAH?

Whaaaaat?

I BET YOUR PARENTS TOLD YOU WE'LL GO TO YOUR HOUSE IN AKITA THIS WEEKEND!

AH, I GET IT!!

I BELIEVE SHE'LL GIVE US THE RIGHT TIME!

BUT MOM CAN FEEL THIS KIND OF STUFF.

Even if she can't come because of work

WE'LL TAKE A DIGITAL CAMERA, SO YOU WON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

LET'S GO AND SEE IT, OKAY, KACHIKO?

YOU'VE GOT IT!

HEEH, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT?!

It's a surprise for Kachiko.

She'll certainly be very happy!!

BYE!

SEE YOU LATER!

In fact, there's a secret plan.

In truth, we also arranged to meet Uncle Mikuro in Akita this weekend!!

EH? ON A DATE?

For what reason?

LAUGHS LOUDLY

ON A DATE!!

SAID WE WERE GOING

LAUGHS LOUDLY

LAUGHS LOUDLY

...

Run away.

HE EVEN SAID WE WERE GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM HOME TO-GETHER.

DON'T PAY IT TOO MUCH ATTEN-TION.

A BOY IN FOURTH GRADE FROM OUR SCHOOL

OH, BY THE WAY, REN, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT IT?!

AND BESIDES, YOU HAVE NO REASON TO RUN AWAY FROM YOUR PLACE!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING I'M SAYING.

Hey! What the hell?!

Fine, I'm going back.

I TOTALLY DON'T MIND!

To leave together

AS LONG AS IT'S WITH YOU

IT'S INCREDIBLE SHE RECALLS THE TIME SHE WAS IN HER MOTHER'S BELLY.

TO HAVE MEMORIES OF BEFORE ONE'S BIRTH.

SHE'S REALLY SOMETHING.

REGARDING MADOKA, I WONDER IF SHE'S DOING OKAY.

THAT WAY

YOU'D BE ABLE TO KNOW WHO YOUR MOTHER IS, HM?

I'D RATHER BE ABLE TO DO THAT THAN TELEPORTATION.

BUT YOU DIDN'T ASK ANYTHING OF ME.

SHE'S AROUND MY AGE...

YOUR MOTHER, I KNOW HER.

WHAT?!

What?

But?

TURN

WHO ARE YOU?!

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?! FURTHERMORE, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

YOU'RE... KACHIKO YAKUSHIMARU, AREN'T YOU?

This hand has red strang- r who pokr to Jo

SORRY. DID I SURPRISE YOU?

BUT WHAT I SAID IS TRUE. I TRULY KNOW YOUR MOTHER.

AH!

KA... KACHIKO, COME ON, LET'S GO HOME.

THAT GUY IS TOO STRANGE.

Wasn't he a kuch la er rown up, a while ago?

HE'S SHADY!

...

AH, I REMEMBER!

YOU VISITED EPIA* BEFORE, DIDN'T YOU?

LOOK, HE WAS DIFFERENT EARLIER ON...

THAT'S OBVI-OUS!!

STRANGE? WHY?

EEEEH?!

I FIGURED THAT I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE.

YOU KNOW MY FATHER?!

IT WAS FUNNY!

YOU'RE THE KID WHO HIT MIKURO!

OF COURSE.

HE'S A VERY GIFTED ESPER!

HOW-EVER!

NOT AS MUCH AS I!

*EPIA - an organization examining extra-sensory perception based in Boston, MA, North America.

A good punch in the face

YOU BET!

YOU... YOU PUNCHED MY FATHER?

NOT ON YOUR LIFE!

AND BESIDES, I NEVER WENT TO EPIA!

HE'S LYING, KACHIKO!

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, I'M STAYING WITH YOU!!

I told you to go home!!

NO, KACHI-KO! YOU SHOU-LDN'T!

REN, GO BACK WITHOUT ME.

TO TALK WITH THAT GUY...

I WANT

LIKE THAT?

SHOULD WE CLAP INTO OUR HANDS?

CLAP CLAP

Kya

Kya

INSTEAD OF DOING THIS, GET TO THE POINT!

HMM.

IS IT YOUR GENERAL HEADQUAR-TERS?

SO THAT'S A TEMPLE.

WHO'S MY MOTHER?!

I WANT TO KNOW!!

H R

I CAN'T TELL YOU FOR NOW.

FOR WHAT REA-SON?!

BECAUSE YOUR FATHER IS STUBBORN ...

SORRY.

MORE-OVER,

I CAME OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO MENTION IT TO YOU...

BUT,

WHEN YOU WERE BORN,

YOUR FATHER FORCED HER TO PART WITH YOU.

HE BROUGHT YOU TO JAPAN.

AND LEFT YOU HERE.

HE ENTRUSTED YOU TO HIS BROTHER.

SO HE COULD SECRETLY RAISE YOU.

HMM.

THAT'S NOT ALL.

YET,

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.

YOUR MOM IS DOING FINE.

SHE'S IN AMERICA, WORKING FOR THE EPIA.

SHE'D LIKE FOR THE BOTH OF YOU TO LIVE TOGETHER.

SHE STILL THINKS OF YOU AND WANTS TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

THAT'S WHY

THE BOTH OF YOU, AS SAD AS THE OTHER,

HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO SEE

AND LIVE WITH EACH OTHER.

I'D RATHER YOU TELL US

WHO YOU ARE?!!

BUT THAT'S WRONG!

YOU SHOULD BE LIVING TOGETHER!!

IF MIKURO HADN'T DECIDED OTHERWISE,

YOU'D ALREADY BE WITH HER!!

WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS MY MOTHER?

THEY'RE IGNORING HIM

AAH, WELL...

SHE'S REALLY

A MARVELOUS PERSON!

I knew it. That guy

is shady.

WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO USE YOUR ESP POWERS?

Grab

AAH!

MIKURO?

HEY, DON'T WORRY.

YOU HAVE YOUR MOTHER'S EYES!

YOU LOOK VERY MUCH LIKE MIKURO.

SHOCK

WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?

HEY, YOU SAY .

WE'LL MEET AGAIN!

DON'T WORRY!

FOR SURE!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! UNHAND ME!!

REN!!

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

I'VE HAD ENOUGH NOW!

UNHAND ME!!

WHY DID YOU INTER-RUPT ME?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?

BUT!

YOU BELIEVE IN A STRANGER WHO SPOUTS SUCH NASTY THINGS ABOUT UNCLE MIKURO?!

YOU BELIEVE WHAT THAT BASTARD SAID?!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, REN!!

YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND!!

YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHAT I FEEL...

ポン
disappear
Kachiko...

every-
day

she comes
home to
my house.

She's
great.

Won-
derful.

She comes
home to the
place where

my
parents
are.

things aren't going well.

While I wish to always see her laugh.

I wonder why.

sometimes

Akita

WAAH.

THIS TREE IS TRULY INCREDIBLE!

YES.

IT'S TALL FOR A GINKGO BILOBA. BUT THEY SAY OTHERS EXIST WHICH ARE EVEN TALLER.

IN ADDITION, THAT TREE IS LOCATED BEHIND MY-HOUSE. AWE-SOME, ISN'T IT?! EVEN THOUGH IT STANDS ALONE.

WITH A BIG WIND-LIKE NOISE?

ALL ITS LEAVES ARE GOING TO FALL OFF AT ONCE?

YES, THAT'S RIGHT!

DAD TOLD ME IT SOUNDED LIKE A GUST OF WIND.

AAH... I REALLY WOULD HAVE LIKED FOR MOM TO COME, TOO.

WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO FALL?

I DON'T KNOW.

THAT'S WHY I'M ALWAYS TAKING THE CAMERA WITH ME, LOOK!

glance

Irritated

AAH, DARN!! WHY DOES IT TAKE SO MUCH TIME FOR UNCLE MIKURO TO ARRIVE?!

IT WAS A GREAT IDEA BUT TIME FLIES!

Hiwatari's endless chattering

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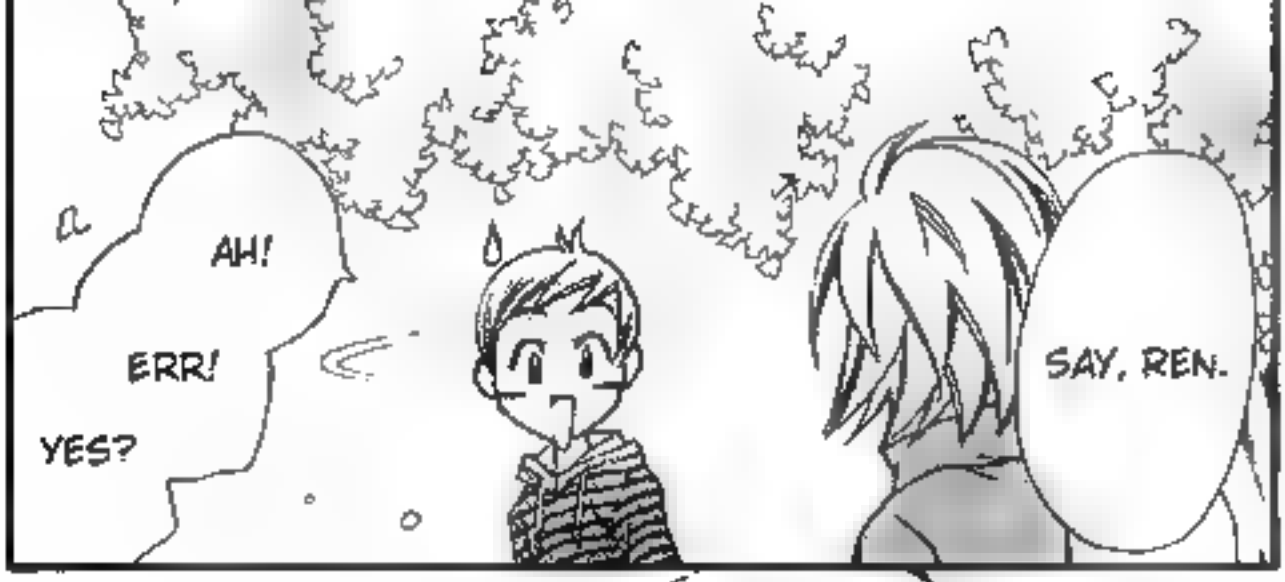
Hello, everyone!
It's Hiwatari! The first story of this volume, entitled "The Ocean of Memories", came to life in July 2ϕϕ5 I made it up before "The Song Turning Into Light" (last story of volume 2) and it was immediately published in the magazine But eventually, concerning the hardcover volumes, "the song" has gained the upper hand over "the ocean" At that time, I recall - I can still see myself holding a computing machine, trying to find out the age of every one of my characters from "Please Save My Earth" How maddening! I hate numbers! (Haha) At the beginning, when I was still working on my draft of "The Ocean of Memories", I intended to turn Madoka into a mysterious character That's what I note with hindsight I'd like to tell you more about Madoka later on



HE GAVE ME... THE IMPRESSION OF... WANTING TO KIDNAP YOU, DIDN'T HE?
I MUST ALSO ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVE-NESS...
BUT THAT GUY WAS REALLY SHADY... WELL,

WHEN I HEARD HIM TALK ABOUT MOM, I WANTED TO BELIEVE HIM.

I GOT CARRIED AWAY BY HIS PACE!

BUT HE ALSO KNEW MY FATHER.

WHO MIGHT HE HAVE BEEN?

DOES THAT CONCERN YOU?

YES...

I'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MY MOM.

HE SAID SHE ALSO FELT LONELY, DIDN'T HE?

IF I HAD KNOWN IT, I WOULDN'T HAVE REMAINED HERE, DOING NOTHING.

WHY?

YOUR FATHER HAS HIS REASONS TO HIDE ALL THAT!

IF HE HAD TOLD ME, I'D HAVE...

WHY DOES DAD KEEP EVERYTHING ABOUT MY MOM FROM ME?

Hiwatari's endless chattering

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"When the Leaves of the Ginkgo Tree Fall" ended in September or October 2005 I remember that at the time the typhoon n°14 was devastating Japan and Hurricane "Katrina" hit the United States By the way, this reminds me that I experienced an unforgettable moment, too I lost my bank card! (I got the shock of my life!) When I wanted to take it out, it had disappeared from its secret hiding place I turned my house upside down but I couldn't find it Without further delay, I called the bank to submit a declaration of loss Fortunately, everything got settled without any setbacks. One day, I must have changed its hiding place and I couldn't recall where I put it If I lose my head, things are starting to get serious! I brought the whole workgroup out with that story! I will have to be more careful!

WANTS HIS DAUGHTER TO CONSIDER HIM A GOOD FATHER.
HE MOST LIKELY...
HAHA.
I'M SERIOUS, YOU KNOW?
I CAN TAKE YOU TO SEE YOUR MOTHER.
YOU ONLY HAVE TO SAY YES AND WE'LL LEAVE RIGHT AWAY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
B... BUT?
I TOLD YOU WE WOULD MEET AGAIN, DIDN'T I?

I SUPPOSE MIKURO TOLD YOU NOT TO USE THEM?

AS FAR AS HE'S CONCERNED, HE HAS DECIDED NOT TO USE THEM.

AND BESIDES, THE EPIA IN THE USA IS AMAZING, YOU KNOW.

YOU CAN USE YOUR ESP POWERS WHENEVER YOU LIKE!

WELL, IT'S THE SAME FOR ESP!

THE INTERNET IS USEFUL, ISN'T IT?

EVERY-ONE USES PRACTICAL THINGS!

HAVE A LOOK AT OUR WORLD!

THEY ARE UNIQUE POWERS! LIKE A GIFT!

ESP AREN'T BAD.

Wh...

What does this guy want?

Did I dream it or did he say he would take Kachiko with him?

But in this case, that would be, that would be...

a... a consented kidnapping?!

Snap

LIFT

That would be a kidnapping...

REALIZING

Unless

Kachiko chooses to go with him on her own accord?

SINCE YOU'RE A SHADY PERSON!!

YES!

TSSS

SAY... YOU JUST TOOK MY PHOTO, RIGHT?

OH.

THEN I'LL SHOW HIM YOUR PHOTO SO HE CAN TELL ME IF YOU'RE REALLY AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS...

EH? IS THAT TRUE?!

YOU DIDN'T TELL US WHO YOU ARE, YOU LOOK LIKE A KIDNAPPER!

MIKURO WILL ARRIVE IN A SHORT WHILE.

I DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, REN?

KACHIKO, GET AWAY FROM HIM!!

WHAAT?!

ON THE PHOTO HE'S AN ADULT!

LOOK!!

DO YOU REMEMBER THAT ON HIS WAY, HE HAD ALSO BECOME YOUNGER?!

LIKE THE OLD MAN WITH THE WATER LILIES FROM KYOTO!

HE'S A GHOST!!

THEY'RE ABLE TO DO THAT KIND OF THING!!

BECAUSE HE'S A GHOST!

Eh?

How?

OH!

UNCLE MIKURO!

DAD!!

KACHIKO!

DAD!!

AH!

HE'S SURE-LY A GHOST?!

THAT GUY OVER THERE.

YOU'VE COME BY AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT, UNCLE MIKURO!

TELL ME, DO YOU KNOW THAT PERSON?!

WHAT?

What has gotten into you all of a sudden?

HIM?

WHILE HE RESEMBLED A CHILD, ON THIS PHOTO, HE'S AN ADULT.

IS AN ADULT, REN!

ALL I CAN SEE ?

NO, HE ISN'T A GHOST.

HE'S A HUMAN BEING AND QUITE ALIVE.

THE FIRST TIME HE MET YOU, HE MUST HAVE SUGGESTED TO YOU THAT HE WAS A CHILD, RIGHT?

YOU CAN SEE ON THE PHOTO HE'S ...

EH?! NO WAY, HE'S A CHILD!

IN ORDER TO EASILY RECOGNIZE AND IDENTIFY WHAT THE EYES PERCEIVE.

USES THE INFORMATION IT MEMORIZED

THE HUMAN MIND

ONLY THAT...

HE'S ENDOWED WITH UNIQUE POWERS.

IT'S THE SAME!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT HYPNOSIS?

THE IMAGE HE CHOOSES TO.

BY CASTING ON THAT PERSON'S RETINA

HE'S ABLE TO SUGGEST TO A PERSON THAT HE'S A CHILD OR A WOMAN

AS FAR AS HE'S CONCERNED,

I CANCELLED THE EFFECT OF HYPNOSIS.

COME ON,

THE BOTH OF YOU

WATCH CAREFULLY!

AND HE APPEARS HIS USUAL WAY.

BUT OF COURSE, IF SOMEONE TAKES A PICTURE OF HIM, HE CAN'T SUGGEST ANYTHING TO THE CAMERA.

HE'S AN ESPER FROM THE EPIA AND A PROFESSIONAL.

SOL MACVY.

OVER THERE, WE USUALLY CALL HIM "SONNY".*

*Used by an older person as a familiar form of address to a boy or young man.

MAKING A LONG STORY SHORT...

HE'S ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES, KACHIKO.

WHY DID HE CHANGE HIS HEIGHT IN ORDER TO SPEAK WITH US?!

EH?

BUT,

A MAN WORKING AT THE SAME PLACE AS YOU?

BECAUSE DISCUSSING SOMETHING WITH A CHILD WHILE CONTINUOUSLY REMINDING HIM HE'S SMALLER THAN I AM,

I THINK THAT'S A SAD THING.

ONCE, THEY'RE CONVINCED I'M NOT A GROWNUP,

CHILDREN WON'T HAVE TO LIFT THEIR HEAD ANYMORE TO SPEAK WITH ME.

SIDEWAYS GLANCE

IN-TER-ESTI-NG

...

HEH

I ESPECIALLY TRAINED MYSELF FOR TODAY.

HOW ABOUT SPEAKING IN JAPANESE?

WHAT DO YOU WANT? I'M ON HOLIDAY.

English

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO HER!

KACHIKO IS MY DAUGHTER.

OOH, SO SHE'S YOUR DAUGHTER?

AS USUAL, YOU HAVE KEPT SECRETS, EVEN FROM YOUR DAUGHTER.

KACHIKO WILL BE UNHAPPY.

IF NOBODY MAKES A DENT,

YOU KNOW THAT SHE WISHES FOR HER DAUGHTER TO LIVE WITH HER IN THE EPIA!

WHO IS SHE ACCORDING TO YOU?

SO, WHO IS SHE ACCORDING TO YOU?!

YOU'D THINK YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GAVE BIRTH TO HER ON YOUR OWN!

WHAT ABOUT HER MOTHER? DID YOU FORGET ABOUT HER?!

TOGETHER YOU SAY?!

TAKE THAT BACK! MAY I REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MY WIFE!

YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE YOU WERE MARRIED!

WE MADE THIS DECISION TOGETHER!

THAT KACHIKO SHOULDN'T BE RAISED IN THE EPIA!!

HER MOTHER ALSO AGREED TO THE FACT

WH...

DON'T LET HIM GIVE YOU HIS INFERIORITY COMPLEX TOWARD ESP!

YOU HATE SUCH A FATHER, DON'T YOU?!

COME ON, LET'S GO TO THE EPIA.

KACHI-KO!

SHE DOESN'T WANT TO ABANDON KACHIKO!

SHE GOES ALONG WITH ME.

IT'S OUT OF THE QUES-TION!!

Ooh

Oh no.

STOP IT!!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH!!

Oh no.

NO_

YOU ARE UNABLE TO RAISE HER!!

I'M TAKING KACHIKO WITH ME!

THAT

WHAT WOULD BECOME OF KACHIKO IF YOU WERE TO RAISE HER ON YOUR OWN?!

NEVER DID MY WIFE GIVE HER CONSENT TO THAT!!

SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO HIDES IN ORDER TO USE HIS ESP POWERS?

KACHIKO IS GOING TO...

BUT THAT'S OVER!

WE LET YOU DO AS YOU PLEASED UNTIL NOW.

HEY, STOP IT!

THAT'S ENOUGH...

STOP IT...

JOIN UP WITH HER MOTHER.

STOP.

Falls gently

Hyaaaaa

\4aaa.

OH.

RUSTLE

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CRACK

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KACHI-KO, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

OH YES!

DID YOU SEE?!

AHH!

A NATU-RAL PHE-NOMENA?

EH... WHAT'S ...

WHAT WERE... WE TALKING ABOUT?

AHEM.

ERR...

SAY, CAN YOU GIVE ME AN ANSWER?

MOM AND THIS MAN ARE THEY MARRIED?

THAT WOULD MEAN THEN THAT HE LIVES WITH MOM?

Nods Nods

WHO WAS CHUCKED BY MOM FOR WHATEVER REASON, LIVES ALL ALONE?

Nods Nods

WHEREAS DAD,

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

THE ANSWER IS CLEAR.

I WANT TO LIVE WITH MY DAD.

BUT ACTUALLY, THE ONE WHO LIVES ALL ALONE IS MY CLUMSY DAD.

THEN, MOM IS NOT ALONE.

I WANTED TO GO AND SEE HER BE-CAUSE I THOUGHT SHE WAS ALL A-LONE.

Ooh noo.

These Japanese are incomprehensible to me!

Oh.

KACHIKO!!

THIS MAN AND MOM ARE WORRIED BECAUSE OF ME AND CARE ABOUT ME...

BUT,

THAT TOO... I UNDERSTOOD.

Kachiko...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

SHE'S A GOOD CHILD, ISN'T SHE?

THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S THE ONE WHO RAISED HER.

BUT KACHIKO,

BEFORE THAT, I WANT TO GIVE YOU

A GREAT PRESENT.

ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS LEAVE, I GUESS...

DARN!

MIKURO MENTIONED IT EARLIER ON, DIDN'T HE?

UNDER WHICH APPEARANCE ARE YOU GOING TO SEE ME?

LOOK CLOSELY INTO MY EYES.

MOM?!

IS THAT WOMAN MY MOM?!

YES!

I CAN ONLY SEE A MAN...

OBVIOUSLY, KACHIKO IS THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO SEE IT.

TOO BAD.

I understood everything, guardian angels!

A little while ago, the leaves were falling at a too precise moment.

It happened thanks to you?

Did you ask the Gingko Tree for help?

And thanks to that, Kachiko is now smiling!

Thank you, guardian angels!!

CLANG

MIKURO.

DO YOU WANT ANOTHER DRINK?

OR EAT SOME OF THE FISH I PREPARED?

I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD, YOU KNOW.

YES, I'M SURE OF IT...

I UNDERSTAND THAT FEELING OF YOURS OF WANTING TO BE QUIET.

BAAH ... YES.

IT'S GOING TO SNOW... SOON

Uwaaaah

WHAT?! ALL THE LEAVES FELL OFF AT THE SAME TIME AND YOU DIDN'T TAKE ANY PICTURES?!

THEN IT WAS A BIG GINKGO BILOBA?

YES. BUT THERE ARE MORE FAMOUS AND TALLER ONES!

Grrr!

I asked for your forgiveness

BUT I SAW IT ON TELEVISION YESTERDAY!

BY CHANCE.

From that moment on,

Kachiko remained cheerful.

Swark

Swark

Swark

THIS ONE IS RATHER OBSCURE.

BUT IT WAS GREAT...

Tell me, guardian angels

...

One day, Kachiko is surely

going to meet her mom, that's certain...

Right?

When she does

do you think...

She will come back?

...

HEY, KACHIKO.

HM?

WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS YOUR MOM?

DOES SHE SEEM NICE?

YES!

SHE WAS SUPER PRETTY!!

Need...more...staff...

ESTHETIQUE NEEDS YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS CUTE LITTLE FELLA! DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

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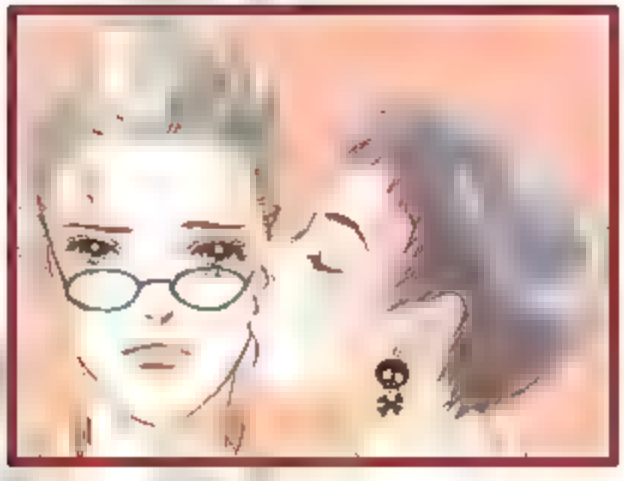

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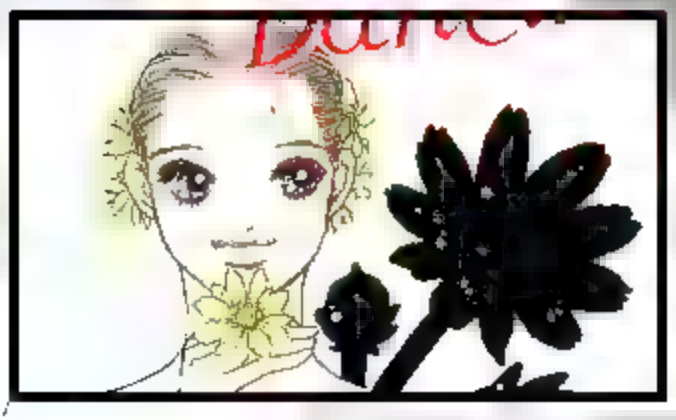

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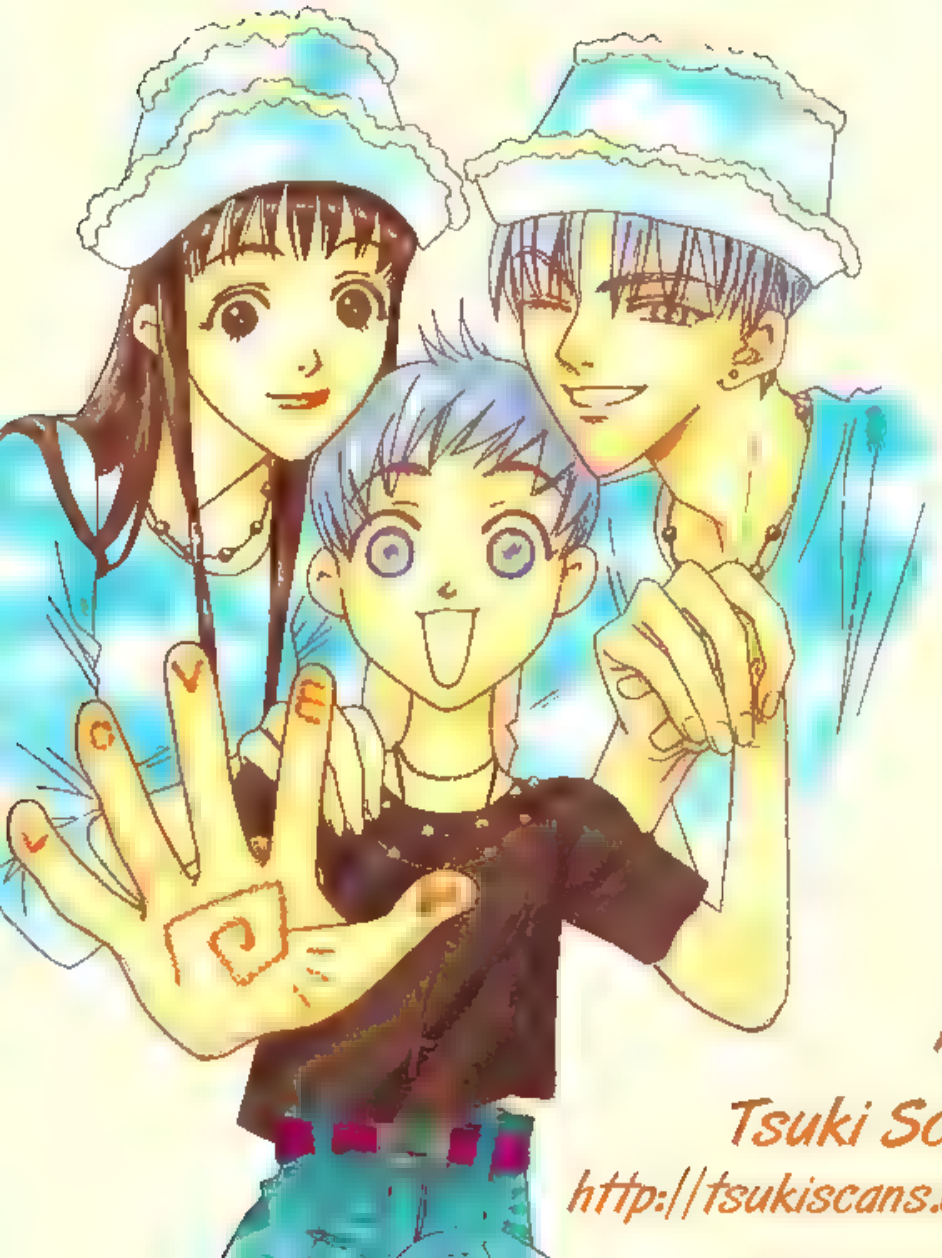

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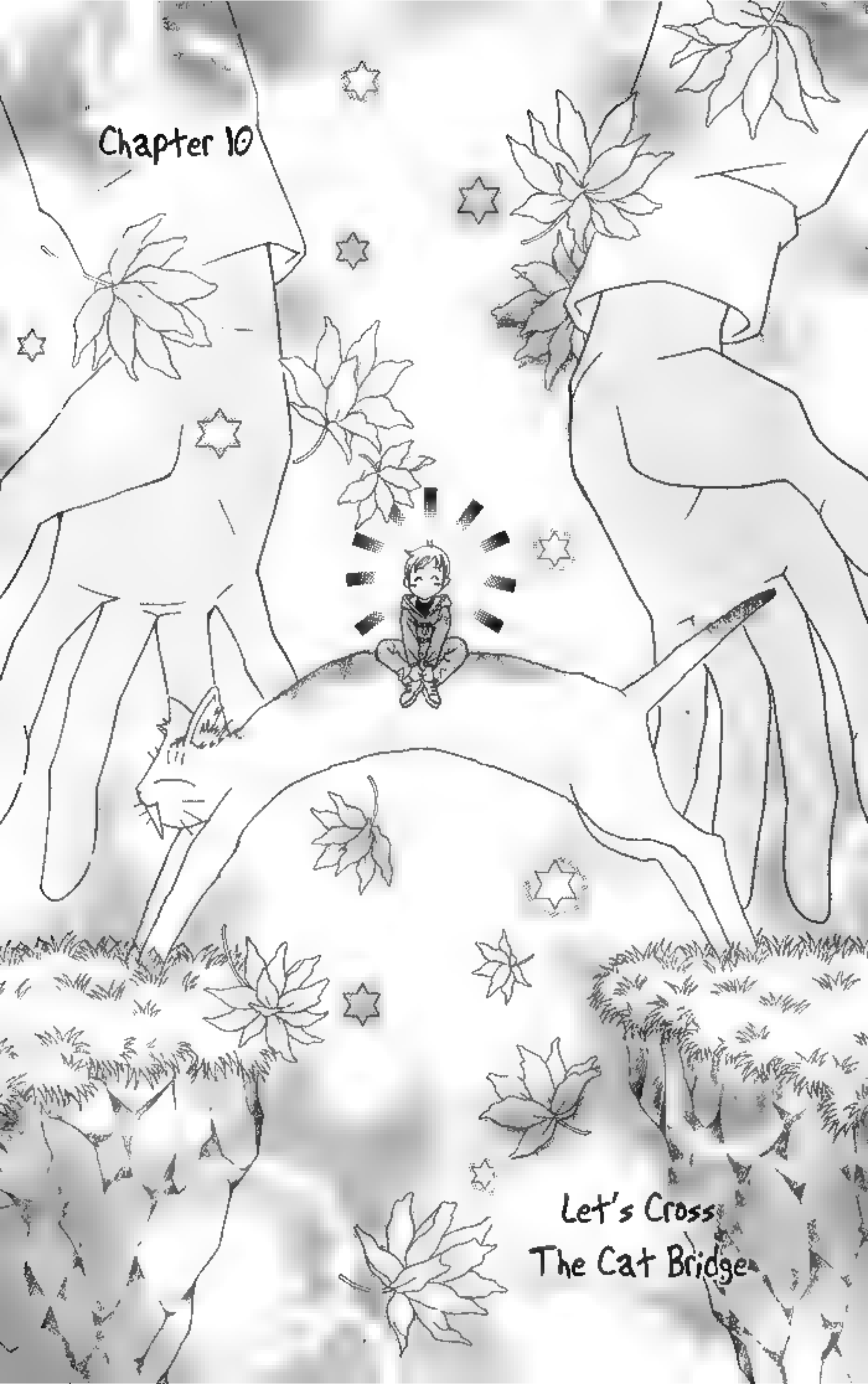
Chapter 10
Let's Cross
The Cat Bridge

I believe in
fated meetings.

HOW CUTE HE IS.

REN, LOOK

OOH.

A CAT, OR RATHER A KITTEN!

Hyoooooo!

Please treat me kindly.

Electrical Pole

Hyoo

I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU IN,

BUT THAT MIGHT CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE AT HOME.

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, SORRY.

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

IT'S A HORRIBLE THING TO ABANDON H.M LIKE THAT ON A RAINY DAY.

I THINK IT'S REALLY SAD...

Drip

EH!

HEY!

WELL, SHALL WE GO?

LET'S GO HOME, KACHIKO!

YES.

Hyoo

Ooh!

ALL RIGHT LET'S GO.

GOOD EVENING.

GOOD EVE-NING, KIDS.

YOU MUST BE FROZEN STIFF WITH THAT WEATHER! DO YOU WANT SOME HOT CHOCOLATE?

AH, COULD YOU BRING SOME MILK INSTEAD, MOM?

IT MUST BE REALLY HOT!

NO, NO, REN. THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR A CAT'S TONGUE.

LUKEWARM SHOULD BE PERFECT.

Hyo.

IT'S FOR HIM.

Aa—ah

HUH...

WHAAAT?

WHAT HAPPENED TO... THAT KITTEN?!

HE WAS IN A CARD-BOARD BOX NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POLE!

A MES-SAGE WAS WRITTEN ON IT "PLEASE TREAT ME KINDLY".

BUT I...

Hmph

WHEN I SAW HIM, I WAS SHIVERING.

UGH

IT'S A FATED MEETING!

GOOD BOY'S GOOD CHOICE

...

YOU'VE BEEN TALKING AN AWFUL LOT ABOUT FATE LATELY, REN.

HOW ABOUT IT?

YOU WERE THERE IN ORDER FOR US TO FIND YOU!

LAPPING UP
LAPPING UP
LAPPING UP
LAPPING UP

VERY HUNGRY.

WELL...

...

ERRR.

WE CAN KEEP HIM?!

RIGHT?!

HUM... HE'S

REALLY CUTE...

BUT...

ERR...

TO BE HONEST, I LOVE CATS VERY MUCH, TOO.

AH...

NO, THAT'S NOT IT, KACHI-KO.

YOU'RE TOO BUSY, HUH?

DON'T YOU AGREE?

THEN, I WAS RIGHT FROM THE START NOT WANTING TO TAKE HIM WITH US...

COME...

HAS...

SEEMS LIKE THE DAY OF REVELA-TION

ONE HOUR LATER

THERE MUST BE STILL SOME TIME LEFT!!

TAKE HIM BACK TO HIS MOTHER!!

WHAAT?! YOU PICKED UP A CAT?

AARGH! CERTAINLY NOT!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! YOU'LL SEE!

DAD, PLEASE, SAY YES!!

Your mother and I?

PFF

WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HIS MOTHER IS!

HE WAS ABANDONED!

WHO'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THIS ANIMAL, MAYBE YOU?!

YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE TOO BUSY.

Shock

ERR

WHAT?!

YOU...

WHO NEVER SPENT MORE THAN 78 DAYS ON VIDEO GAMES ONCE I BOUGHT YOU ONE?

DO NOT MAKE ME LAUGH!!

BUT...

A CAT IS NOT A GAME.

HE'S ALIVE JUST LIKE YOU.

YOU WANT TO KEEP HIM? YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HIM?!

THEREFORE, I'LL DO IT. I PROMISE!!

IT'S A MEETING INTENDED BY FATE. I KNEW IT AS SOON AS I LAID EYES ON HIM!

YES, PLEASE, SIR!

I PROMISE YOU THAT I'LL DO IT!! IT'S TRUE!!

WHAT'S WITH THAT "MEETING INTENDED BY FATE"?

I'M NOT LISTENING.

I JUST KNOW IT, THAT'S ALL!!

POSSIBLY KNOW ABOUT A "MEETING INTENDED BY FATE"?!

A CHILD WHO HASN'T GROWN UP YET,

WHAT COULD A MIDGET LIKE YOU,

THEY INTERACT!!

THEY UNDER-STAND THIS!!

CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THESE SORTS OF THINGS, TOO!!

WE MET IN ORDER TO BE TO-GETHER!!

WE MET BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BE TOGETHER.

NEVER MIND. LET'S KEEP HIM UNTIL THE TIME THE PAR-ENTS FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE ARRIVE.

SO WHAT?

HE CURLED UP IN A BALL

BECAUSE HE FEELS WARM AND SAFE.

DOESN'T MR. KOBAYASHI LIKE CATS? DOES HE HAVE A CAT ALLERGY...?

NO, IN TRUTH,

HE LOVES THEM,

IT AP-PEARS.

WHEN YOUR FATHER WAS ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OLD...

HE TOLD ME THAT HE FEARED ALL ANIMALS.

WHY? WELL...

EH? BUT WHY IS HE AGAINST IT THEN?!

BUT BEFORE WE GOT MARRIED,

THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING YOU TALK ABOUT.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS?

"Alice."

AND RIN TOLD ME...

WE WENT TO THE SEA,

"Later,"

"we'll build a house in the countryside."

"There, we'll live with cats,"

"two cats!"

"And children, too."

WHY IS HE REFUSING TO PUT UP WITH ONE THEN?!

TWO CATS?!

THIS MAKES NO SENSE!

HM...

HE WANTED TO BUY ONE SEVERAL TIMES...

IN ANY CASE, I'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW WHY

THIS LITTLE FELLOW HERE IS SO CUTE.

BUT,

MAYBE HE WANTS TO SHOW ME THAT HE CAN DO IT?

YES.

I'M SURE OF IT!

DO YOU THINK THERE'S A SPECIAL REASON TO IT?

BUT EACH TIME WE WERE STANDING IN FRONT OF THE PET SHOP,

AS LONG AS WE HAVEN'T SETTLED THIS MATTER,

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS, RIGHT?

REN WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE HIS MEETING INTENDED BY FATE A REALITY.

HE TURNED AROUND AND LEFT.

..

Pfff

Ding Dong

Ding Dong

WHAT DOES HE WANT TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT?

AH, REN IS SPEAKING ABOUT HIS FATHER!

WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?

AAH!

HOW DO I GET HIM TO LISTEN TO ME?!

Ahh, yes. I love dogs.

Dad won't allow it.

It's a fated meeting.

The cat and I...

So...

Well...

HMM...

HMM...

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Teachers' Office

MR. MOKOYA-MA...

I also like cats.

YOU NEED TO TALK TO AN ADULT ABOUT IT!

IT'S A VERY SERIOUS MATTER.

THIS WASN'T WHAT WE ASKED YOU, SIR.

Woah. That happened ages ago. You should forget about it

IN THE PAST, A CAT ATE MY CANARY...

IN FACT, I DON'T FEEL VERY COMFORT-ABLE AROUND CATS.

THE RELEVANT PERSON NICELY?

WHY DON'T YOU ASK

IF THIS WILL BE OF SOME USE TO YOU...

I DON'T KNOW

WHAT-EVER IT IS,

WE MUST LET HIM THINK

THAT HE IS ABLE TO CROSS THIS BRIDGE.

IT'S EITHER ONE OF THE LAT-TER SOLU-TIONS.

AS FOR REN'S FATHER,

LET'S NAME IT CAT BRIDGE.

PICTURE A BRIDGE.

PAPER

TO BUILD SUCH A BRIDGE.

REN HAS TO MAKE A LOT OF EFFORT

BUT WHICH ONE?

WELL.

PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO CROSS IT AND PEOPLE WHO CAN'T CROSS IT.

THERE ARE PEOPLE SIMPLY CROSS-ING IT.

Hiwatari's Endless Chattering

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"Let's Cross The Cat Bridge" was published in November or December 2005

I remember the Turin Olympic Games were nearing. I still see myself sitting in front of my screen, cheering on the Japanese figure skaters while drawing episodes for the series. You got to hand it to me!

Laslo, Kya and little Snow... In the first series of PSME, the chapters where these characters appeared didn't leave you indifferent! I believe that Rm's interference this time around, finally concluded that chapter well, Rm hasn't finished growing up, but I'm delighted to be able to draw him during his growth. It's gratifying.

As far as Ren is concerned, there's little chance he'll cross paths with Laslo and Kya, but I'm certain their alter egos exists somewhere and that they are just waiting to meet him. or so I hope!

"MUTUAL UNDER-STANDING".
BUT THIS IS WHAT WE CALL
IT MIGHT NOT BE AN EASY TASK.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CROSS THE BRIDGE.
ONCE YOU BOTH CAN UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S FEELINGS,
THEN FINALLY,
REN.
GOOD LUCK WITH THE BUILDING OF YOUR BRIDGE.

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE AT MY PLACE EITHER.

THE RULES AT MY APARTMENT COMPLEX ARE VERY STRICT.

WE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF A PET!

MOM IS HOME ALONE.

IT... MAKES ME CRY.

OF THE MOMENT HE'S GOING TO DIE, ISN'T IT?

IN ADDITION, IT'S SAD TO THINK

YES, IT MADE MOM CRY, TOO!

IT'S LIKE THE OTHER TIME, ON TELEVISION, A MOVIE ABOUT DOGS WAS SHOWING!

HEY, THAT'S TRUE!

IF THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY, GO HOME!!

KNOCK IT OFF, YOU TWO!!

I'LL ...

ERR, WELL.

Looming

OH.

MR. MOKOYAMA IS ALWAYS TALKING RUBBISH.

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT SO.

AH?

WHAT HE SAYS MAKES NO SENSE.

DIDN'T THAT MAKE YOU WANT TO THINK IT THROUGH?

BAAH, ULTIMATELY, WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO, REN?

NO, I HAVE AN OFFER TO MAKE TO YOU!

YOU TOO, CAPUT-SUN?

SEE YOU!

Bye Bye!

I'LL PRAY FOR YOU!

See you later

RATHER A GOOD IDEA, DON'T YOU AGREE?

THAT'S THE SOLUTION!

I'd like to see him grow up

In fact

IF IT'S POSSIBLE, WHY DON'T WE RAISE HIM ALL TOGETHER, IN THE PARK OR IN THE TEMPLE, FOR EXAMPLE.

CAPUTSUN, YOU'RE A TRUE FRIEND!

Youthful friendship

CAPUTSUN!!

ABOUT THE CAT... WHATEVER I DO, IT'S STILL NO?

DAD..

BECAUSE I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FACE UP TO YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

BUT YOU'LL NEVER KNOW ANYTHING AS LONG AS YOU WON'T TRY!

WHY IS THAT?

EXACTLY.

YES.

THE CAT BRIDGE.

THE CAT BRIDGE?

MR. MOKOYAMA TOLD US ABOUT.

AH.

THIS CAT BRIDGE

HOW SHALL WE BUILD THE BRIDGE SO THAT YOU WOULD CROSS IT?

SO IF THAT'S THE CASE,

YET, YOU LOVE CATS, DON'T YOU?

OTHERS WHO DON'T WANT TO OR CAN'T CROSS.

THERE ARE PEOPLE CROSSING WITHOUT PROBLEMS.

?

WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO?

AND YOU?

TELL ME.

I'LL WORK HARD IN ORDER TO BUILD THIS BRIDGE.

TELL ME, DAD!

IT'S A CONSPIRACY?!

ALICE, ARE YOU KNUCKLING DOWN TOO?

...

BANG

HOW TO MAKE YOU CROSS THE BRIDGE.

I, ALSO, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

WON'T YOU TELL US?

COME ON,

RIN.

IF YOU SUCCEED IN TAKING CARE OF THIS CAT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME LONGER THAN THIS ONE,

I'LL RE-CONSIDER MY DECI-SION.

BUT...

HE ISN'T AL-LOWED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AND CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THE NEIGH-BORS.

SOMETIMES CATS ARE KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENTS...

78 DAYS...

IT'S FOR THAT REASON.

I DECIDED NOT TO TAKE IN CATS.

THERE YOU HAVE IT!

BAH, IN ANY EVENT,

YES, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HE SAYS ALL THE TIME.

AH, YOU'RE RIGHT. HAHAHA!

YOU CALLED HIM "HYAA"?

HE PROBABLY THINKS THAT'S THE MAXIMUM TIME BEFORE YOU GIVE UP!

IT HOLDS NO SPECIAL MEANING.

IT AMOUNTS TO AGREEING, DOESN'T IT?

Hyaa

Hyaa

Hyaa

HE'S REALLY CUTE...

OH. HE MADE A SMALL MESS. IT STINKS.

OPEN THE WINDOW...

I HAVE NO CLUE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, HYAA?

YES... BUT...

I WONDER WHY 78 DAYS.

DON'T FORGET TO CLOSE IT BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP.

UNTIL THE SMELL VANISHES, HUH, REN?

IT'S COLD BUT I'M LEAV-ING THE WINDOW OPEN

Well.

OH, REN. LOOK, IT'S SNOWING.

THAT'S WHY IT'S SO COLD.

It didn't work!

Dad has refused

to cross the Cat Bridge.

What do *you* think, guardian angels?

Hmm.

IT'S EASY THOUGH, TO CROSS THE BRIDGE!

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CAT BRIDGE

Hiwatari's Endless Chattering

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I encourage you to look at the last pages of the chapter "Let's Cross The Cat Bridge", and find Ren's reply again "Come on, let's cross the bridge, Dad!!"

I was drawing this page when my cat, Tamy, shook the paw she just dipped in the India ink bottle (haha)
The outcome my board and I were showered with black rain.. Can you tell me why time seems to stop at such moments? I urge you to believe that Tamy wasn't very pleased - if you could have heard her scream! - that I washed her paw abundantly!
Oh well, the bridge from my drawing was crossed by a real cat, cool ain't it?!
(Laughter)

Regarding my cats, nowadays, they both wear a sporty titanium collar and it does them a world of good! Yeah, yeah, I'm serious!

DAD REFUSED TO CROSS YOU.
I WONDER WHY
HMM.
you are hyaassing some information, aren't you?
well, in my opinion,
well, Ren,
you, hya, asked me what I thought of it, right?
I can only answer you in your dreams_
There we go..
AAH! THE HYAA BRIDGE TALKED!!
AND STOOD UP!!

In your opinion, hya?

WHAT KIND OF GUARDIAN ANGEL ARE YOU?

Sometimes I do cosplay.

It's an old story, so listen carefully.

There are, hya, plenty of things you don't know, Ren.

Let Hyaa tell you about it.

EH?

I'M DREAMING?!

YOU'RE A GUARDIAN ANGEL?!

You're BIG!

Precisely.

A, hya, very long time ago, on a very far away planet, there was once, hya, a war

that stole the parents

of a good many of the children.

Thus was the case of this young boy you see there.

But one day,

he was brought to the, hya, house of a man who was to become his father.

HE HAD NEITHER A DAD NOR A MOM?

Precisely.

DID THEY DIE?

Exactly.

That child was living all on his own.

Can you really picture the situation, hya, Ken?

I'm playing the substitute, hya.

He was so cozy and warm that it put the boy to sleep.

He also used him in order to pretend to be part of the stranger's family.

But in the, hya, house of the man who became his father, there was, hya, a giant cat.

The young boy used that cat as a bed.

and because the stranger wasn't his real father...

Because he was a war refugee...

his friends teased the young boy.

From time to time,

SUB STI TUTE FA THER

On the contrary.

He believed he would get a scolding.

But his substitute father didn't get angry.

Punch

The children of the world were too different from him.

It was unfair.

The young boy started crying tears of sadness and regret.

He kissed him.

"Do you regret it?"

SUB STI TUTE FA THER

At that moment, his substitute dad told him

"Each time you escape depression while laughing,"

"I'll reward you with a kiss."

"If you do, you mustn't feel unhappy."

"Ever!"

Does this remind you of something, Ren?

Even if you sometimes, hya, mess up big time, your dad and your mom forgive you.

But for this young boy,

it was the first time in his life someone kissed him.

The young boy was moved by those words.

He reflected that he could live happily with that man and the big cat

But fate decided otherwise.

His substi-tute dad and the big cat died in a traffic accident.

Impact

Impact

They had only lived 78 days together...

EH?

Afterwards, the young boy became a man.

Once he became a grownup, he met other big cats.

But of course, he could only stay 78 days with them

THE... HAND-SOME GUARDIAN ANGEL?!

HUH?

It's also your father's story.

Well, yes.

Starting to break out of her cosplay.

YOU TOLD ME THE STORY OF THE HANDSOME GUARDIAN ANGEL?!

That's why he fears the cat will be involved in an accident

He wants to remember.

And besides, your father is veeery nice.

The handsome guardian angel is your father's alter ego.

And he set a 78-day limit.

Maybe he thinks he doesn't deserve to be happy.

He thinks of what happened to that angel as if it happened to him.

That's the reason why your father knows everything about that angel.

He would like you to pass this information on to him.

It seems that's the reason the handsome guardian angel

had wanted to talk through you about certain matters to your father

Stomp

Stomp

Stomp

But that's driving the handsome guardian angel crazy.

As you can see

ASK YOU A QUESTION, TOO?

BUT MAY I

I UNDERSTAND.

YES.

THE HANDSOME GUARDIAN ANGEL...

RIGHT NOW WHAT...

REN!

REN!

IT'S AWFUL!!

EEEEH ?!

Sits up

Opens eyes

HYAA IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND!!

WE WENT TO SLEEP

AND FORGOT TO CLOSE IT!!

WE DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD GO OUT THAT WAY.

A WHILE AGO, WHEN HE POOPED, WE OPENED THE WINDOW, DO YOU REMEMBER?

WHAT?!

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, UNDER THE SNOW?!

I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR HIM!

YOUR FATHER HAS FORBIDDEN US TO LET HIM OUT.

WAIT UP, REN. I'M COMING, TOO!

THERE ARE LOTS OF CARS!!

AND ABOVE ALL,

HE MIGHT HAVE WANDERED OFF ANYWHERE!

...

Spitting Out

WHY 78 DAYS?

HM?

SAY, RIN...

DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH SHION?

I BELIEVE SHE'D LIKE TO KNOW.

MOKUREN.

SORRY, BUT I WON'T TELL.

DON'T YOU THINK

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO TELL ME?

GEEZ,

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME, RIN?

THESE TWO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT EACH OTHER, DON'T THEY?

SO I'D REALLY LIKE IT TO BE THE SAME FOR US.

LIVED WITH A MAN AND A BIG CAT.

A LONG TIME AGO, SHION...

THAT MAN HAD A GREAT INFLUENCE ON SHION...

IN ADDITION, HE TRUSTED HIM.

BUT HE DIED IN AN ACCIDENT ALONGSIDE THE CAT.

THEY ONLY SPENT 78 DAYS IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY.

THE MEMORIES OF THAT MAN AND CAT ARE STILL VIBRANT IN MY MIND.

AT TOKYO TOWER, WHEN I INTENDED TO GET IT OVER WITH.

THE WORDS HE SAID TO ME WERE INCESSANTLY SWIRLING AROUND IN MY HEAD...

WHEN REN CAME UP WITH THE CAT,

I THOUGHT IT WAS A REALLY BAD SIGN.

It's a meeting intended by fate!

I HAD NO PROOF THIS CAT WOULD LIVE MORE THAN 78 DAYS.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THIS INCIDENT BROUGHT BACK OLD MEMORIES?

OR SOMETHING.

BUT...

IT'S DIFFERENT! UTTERLY DIFFERENT!

LOOK.

REN CONSIDERS THAT THIS MEETING AND HIS LIFE ARE INTERTWINED.

JUST AS...

YOU DO, RIN...

I'M SORRY

I'M GOING TO GET

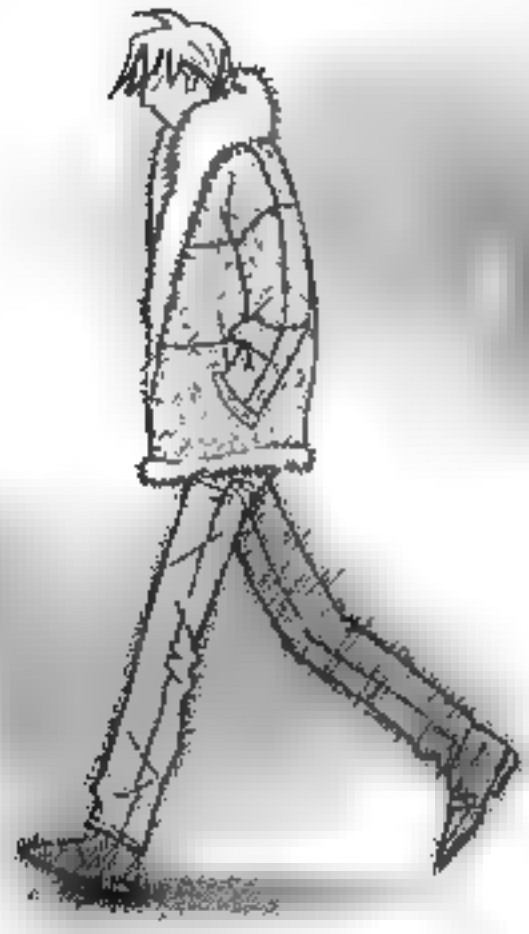
SOME FRESH AIR.

RIN!

"Shion."

"If you escape depression,"

"I'll give you a kiss as a reward."



"For me, the reward will be your smile when the time comes!"

I know it.

That's why I often laugh.

The one who had a hard life is Shion, not me.

I'm happy. I know this.

pervading my chest.

Yet guilt settles in,

I know that it's meaningless

now that I'm an adult.

Because

I can't make Shion smile in a satisfactory way just yet.

I'm sorry Lazlo

I can't smile in public anymore.

AAH WITH THE SNOW,

PHEEEW YOU SCARED ME!

YOU'RE FROZEN STIFF!

COME ON, COME QUICKLY!

IT WOULD BE DANGER-OUS IF A CAR WERE TO DRIVE BY!

I'VE FOUND HYAA!

OH!

HYAA!

WE'RE TRULY LINKED BY FATE!

I WONDER WHERE KACHIKO IS ..

COME ON, LET'S GO HOME.

110

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110

Screeeeeeeeeech

HMM?
BEEP BEEP
Clang
HM?

ERR... I WAS COLD SO... I BOUGHT A HOT DRINK...

WE'RE SEARCHING FOR HYAA. HE RAN AWAY FROM HOME...

WHAT'S MORE, AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT!

OH.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!!

KA-CHI-KO?!

Gulp

YES, HE WENT LOOKING THIS WAY...

IN OTHER WORDS, REN IS OUTSIDE, TOO?

Screeeeech

EH?!

Bang

RE...

WE...

IT'S A CHILD!

HIT HIM?!

REN!

It can't be?!!!

Collapsing

I must be dreaming, right?!

REN!

REN!

IS THIS SOME KIND OF SICK JOKE?!

WHY...

WHY YOU, TOO...

OH!

REN... REN!!

ANSWER ME, REN!!

REN!!

HE LOOKS SAFE AND SOUND.

BUT... SHOULDN'T WE CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE?

EH? WHERE'S THE HANDSOME GUARDIAN ANGEL? AND YET I SAW HIM!

I WAS SCARED. A CAR CAME.

AH.

DAD!

YOU... AREN'T HURT?

WHAT? NO.

LISTEN CAREFULLY!

BUT THE HANDSOME GUARDIAN ANGEL GAVE ME A MESSAGE FOR YOU, DAD!

HE SAID HE WAS SAD TO SEE YOU LIKE THAT.

WHEN DAD SUFFERS, THE HANDSOME GUARDIAN ANGEL ALSO SUFFERS.

Nyoo.

VERY SAD.

IT HURTS HIM SO MUCH. EVEN IF HE TRIES TO CONTROL HIMSELF,

HE'S HAD ENOUGH TO SUFFER.

HE HAS FINALLY UNDERSTOOD

THE FEELINGS OF A MAN CALLED LAZLO!

HE'LL GIVE YOU A REWARD HIMSELF.

A MORE RADIANT SMILE ON HIS FACE.

HE SAID YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY!

HE SAID TO KEEP HYAA MORE THAN 78 DAYS!

AND ERR...

REN .. YOU...

MAY I ASK YOU SOME-THING, DAD?

PLEASE, I'D LIKE YOU TO LAUGH!!

GETS UP

IF YOU LAUGH

THE HANDSOME GUARDIAN ANGEL SAID THAT NEXT TIME,

"You mustn't be unhappy."

"Ever."

BECAUSE

HE SAID HE LOVES YOU VERY MUCH!!

HE'S YOUR ALTER EGO, RIGHT DAD?

HE LAUGHS, TOO!

WHEN YOU LAUGH,

IT'S THE SAME FOR HIM!

WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY,

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE ALSO SAID?

BUT IF YOU WERE UNHAPPY, HE WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

THAT THANKS TO YOU, HE'S VERY HAPPY NOW.

Wee-woo

Wee-woo

Wee-woo

OH? AN AMBULANCE?

EH? WHAT'S GOING ON?

Mom cried a lot when I was brought to the hospital.

Since I came out of it without a scratch, the newspapers were mentioning me.

Greeeeat!

IT'S NOT WORTH RISKING YOUR LIFE.

At school, too, I have become a bit of a star!!

I'M ALMOST FINISHED!

NOT YET.

Heave-ho

Heave-ho

Thank you, handsome guardian angel!!

You were the one who helped me, right?

HOW LONG WILL I HAVE TO KEEP MY EYES CLOSE?

HEEEY!

BE A LITTLE BIT PATIENT!

REN,

HAVE YOU ARRANGED THE GAR-LANDS?

DAD, YOU CAN OPEN YOUR EYES!

YES, DONE!

IS IT READY, REN?

TADAA! I BUILT IT IN THE GARDEN.

IT'S THE CAT BRIDGE!!

With electrical garlands.

GO ON. CROSS IT, DAD!!

Don't worry!

Everything is going fine, handsome guardian angel.

THIS IS HYAA, OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBER.

HERE YOU GO!

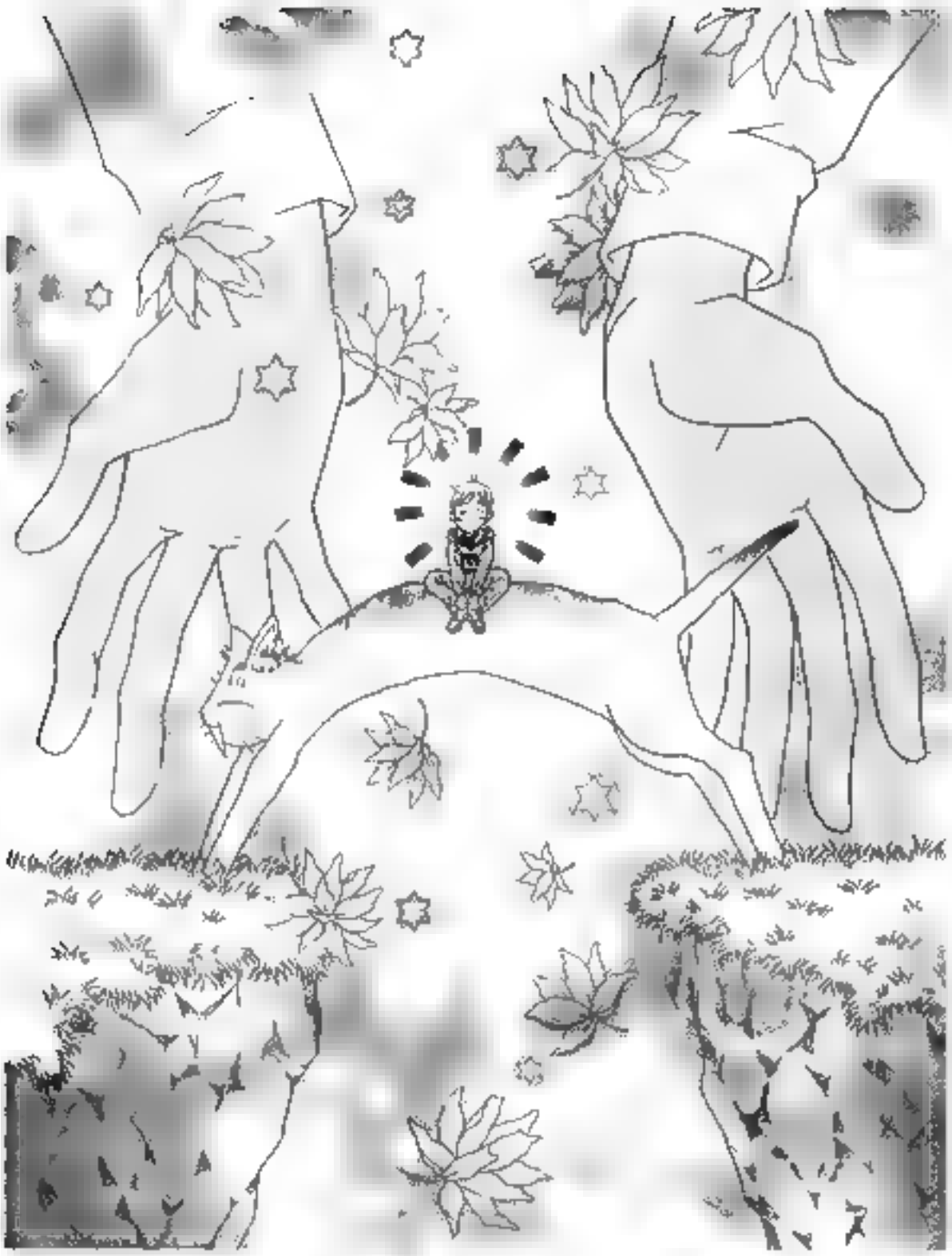
Hyaa.

WELCOME.

HYAA.

Because, look

today, Dad is laughing, too!!



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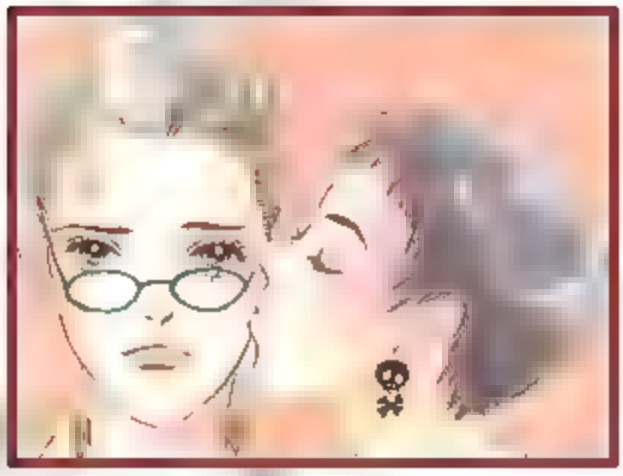

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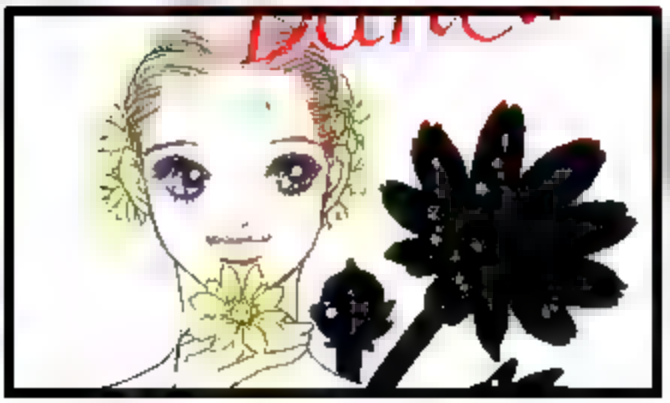

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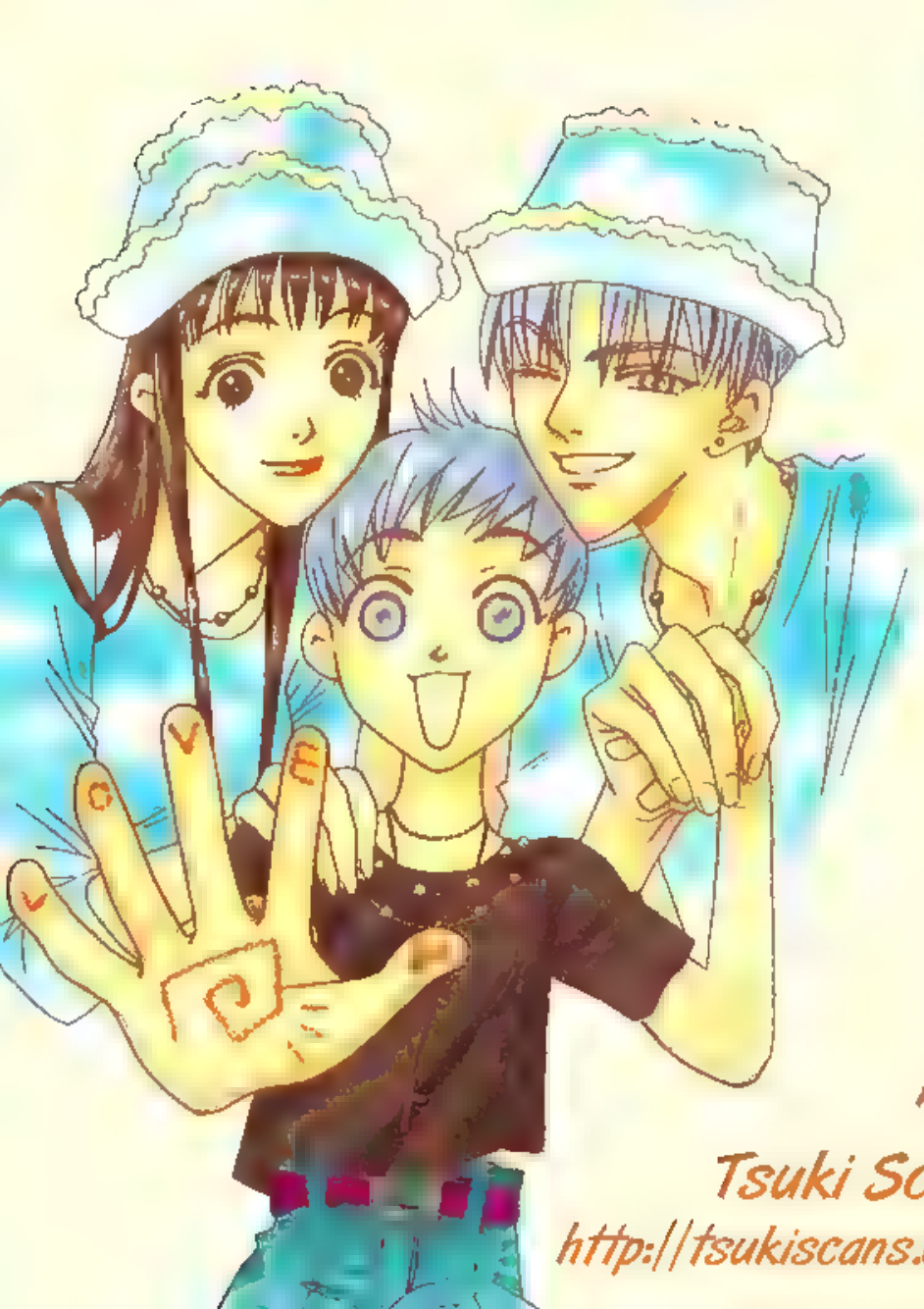

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AAH. AAH. HUUUH!

OHH, HAJIME. YOU'RE THERE.

HAND REN OVER TO ME! I'LL HOLD HIM ON MY LAP.

RIN, OVER HERE.

WAAAAAI!

WE ARE GOING TO SEE MOM SOON.

HUSH, REN. BE A LITTLE BIT QUIET!

COMING BACK FROM WORK?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I INTEND TO GREET EVERYONE.

DAAA-AAAAAD.

SO IF YOU WANT I CAN BRING REN TO HER...

MY BIG SISTER IS GOING TO COME HOME LATE TODAY...

THE LITTLE BROTHER IS OVER THERE.

NO, HE'S MY SON.

WHAT IS THE AGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BOTH OF YOU?

SO, IS HE YOUR LITTLE BROTH-ER?

DA!

HE'S CUTE. HOW OLD IS HE?

OH, THANK YOU. HE'S ONE YEAR OLD.

FROZEN

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— I Don't Want Him —

...

My name is Hajime Sakaguchi.

BUT... YOU ARE WEARING A HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM, AREN'T YOU?!

WHAAAAT?!

He was 16 when my sister gave birth to Ren.

At the time, she loved riding on the bus

AAAH. BEE-EEH.

THERE WE GO. WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

His father is him, Rin Kobayashi.

They were only taking the bus to the station.

GAA AH BEEE-EEH

This baby is barely one year old.

My sister is the one who bore him at the age of 25.

His name is Ren.

In other words, he's now 17.

My sister has of course become a single mom and Ren is a child born out of wedlock.

THE WORLD IS CHANGING.

HAJIME, I CAN BE IN 10TH GRADE AND BE PART OF SOCIETY AT THE SAME TIME.

Come to think of it, he's a fated child.

EH?

WELL THEN, YOU CAN GO BACK!

FOR WHAT REA-SON?

IT'S NOT FAR FROM MY HOUSE. I CAN EVEN LEAVE AT A VERY LATE HOUR..

YOU AREN'T MARRIED YET, ARE YOU NOW?!

YOU'RE HAPPY, AREN'T YOU? YOU WENT ON A BUS RIDE WITH DADDY. WAS IT FUN?

AAH, REEN, GOOD EVENING.

GAA.

In order to get married, they are waiting a year for Rin's 18th Birthday.

My sister, who is a professional singer and he are going to form a family.

GOOD EVENING.

For now, I'm giving them a hand in raising him.

YOU'VE A 4-YEAR-OLD LITTLE SISTER AT YOUR PLACE, RIGHT? AN ODD LITTLE SISTER WHO RECENTLY RAN AWAY FROM HOME!!

RIN, THAT'S ENOUGH ALREADY!

MIND YOUR MAN-NERS!!

YOU'RE ALREADY BACK, BIG SISTER?

YES, I CAME BACK EARLIER TODAY.

YOU DON'T WANT HER TO BE JEALOUS OF REN, DO YOU?!

GO HOME AND TAKE CARE OF HER!

SEEMS LIKE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER

CONSIDERS ME A MAN WHO SUPPOSEDLY HURT HIS BIG SISTER...

SMIRK

BAH, IT'S NOTHING, ALICE.

WHAT'S THE MATER WITH YOU, HAJIME?

WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?

WHEN WE GET MARR-IED, YOU'LL BE MY LITTLE BROTHER, WON'T YOU?

THAT HASN'T HAPPENED, YET!

OH!

OOOW-WWW...

"SUPPOSEDLY"? BUT YOU ALREADY DID IT!!

BESIDES, I'M 6 YEARS OLDER THAN YOU SO DON'T CALL ME "LITTLE BROTHER", BRAT!!

YOU'RE JUST DOING THE SAME THING AS THAT SHION' GUY!

WAAAAAAILLLL!

LET'S HAVE A DRINK, HAJIME.

!

YOSH YOSH

WAIL

YOU'RE MAKING REN CRY. LOOK.

STOP IT, HAJIME!

In fact,

YOU ARE NOT OF AGE YET! LEARN YOUR PLACE!

WHAT? ONLY A SODA FOR ME?

Pub

The Unfaithful Otter

that's what I thought.

SOMEONE OLDER...

YOU'D HAVE LIKED FOR ALICE TO HAVE A CHILD AND MARRY

Heck, yes!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, RIGHT?

DON'T CALL ME LITTLE BROTHER.

WHAT'S MAKING YOU SO ANGRY, LITTLE BROTHER?

To tell the truth, I'd like to sever the tie between my sister and him.

I'M HOLDING THIS PLACE FOR A LONG TIME.

In a way.

IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR ME TO LEAVE HER.

NO WAY.

IF YOU GET IT, THEN GO AWAY.

That's not funny at all.

HAHA-HA!

IF I MAY SAY SO.

GIGGLE GIGGLE

Without going into details,

we could consider his actions as a violent expression of a whim.

It shows how scary he can be when he wants something.

HE DID THIS AT THE AGE OF 8.

In order to will my sister to do what he wants,

he threatened to destroy part of Tokyo Tower.

Come to think of it, he acted like a terrorist.

It has been ten years.

That's crazy.

HUH, RIN?

YOU DON'T INTEND TO GET ANOTHER BABY UNDER-WAY BEFORE LONG,

he has only had eyes for my big sister.

Since he was seven years old,

NO.

CHILDBIRTH WAS DIFFICULT.

I... would I be able to do the same?

Up until now he has only been desperately trying to think of one woman.

But he...

When I compare him with me,

who only lasts three years.

Doesn't he get bored?

That is to say, my age.

They say it's the age when people learn of their true love, don't they?

she's going to be 32 and Rin is still going to be 23.

When Ren reaches Rin's age when the latter fell in love with my sister,

But will he stay with my sister?

If this were to be the case, it would be incredible...

And my sister possesses some strange natural gifts.

Ren has already been born.

It's hard to say, but...

he also possses an asset that's hard to ignore (besides being a peeping Tom).

But as far as he's concerned, he's an eccentric surpassing all of this in a long way

Furthermore, he's unnaturally young.

Yes... he's Ren's father.

I wish

that in the future

Ren will never have to cry because of him.

Aah. If only

Ren could grow up in a happy and unremarkable environment.

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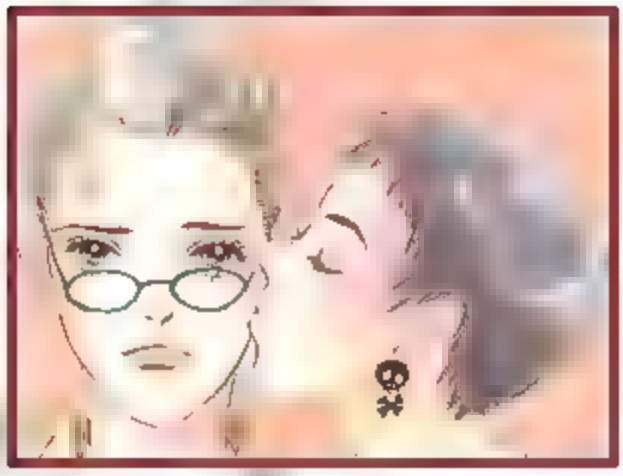

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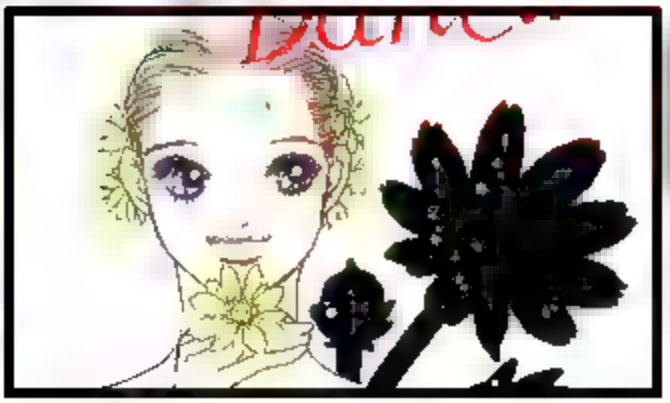

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What an adult won't tell you

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Madoka-chan came home.

She's Dad's little sister, who is currently a 5th grader.

She's three years older than me, but she's my aunt.

REN!

I'M BACK!

SHE'S A GENIUS AT THE PIANO, SO SOMETIMES SHE STUDIES ABROAD.

BUT SHE'S NOT JUST GOOD AT THE PIANO!

AW, STOP IT, BIG BROTHER!

SHE'S SUPER SMART, TOO!

This is how they get along famously.

Another amazing thing about Madoka is that her memories date back to the time she was still inside of Grandma.

This includes anything you tell her.

Even as it seems, a very mysterious story.

She promised to tell it to me when she returned from abroad.

and told her lots of things when she was a baby.

Dad didn't know that

Yeah, we were!

WE WERE REEEAAAALLLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!!

KACHIKO-CHAN, MADOKA-CHAN IS BACK!

REN HAD SENT ME A LETTER.

YEAH, BECAUSE

FOR REAL?!

I DUNNO HOW TO SAY IT, BUT I WAS REALLY HOPING TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH YOU.

I DON'T HAVE AN OLDER SISTER OR ANYTHING. .

LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS!

SO I ALREADY FEEL

AND ABOUT YOUR MOTHER.

HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR TELEPORTATION

HEHEHE. I WANTED TO HURRY AND SEE YOU, TOO!

IT'S OKAY TO TELL MADOKA-CHAN!

...YOU PRETTY MUCH KNOW EVERY-THING...

What a nice person!

OH,

AND DON'T WORRY, BE-CAUSE I'VE ALREADY HEARD ABOUT THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, TOO.

SENSITIVE

I GUESS ...

I ALREADY KNOW EVERY-THING ELSE, TOO!

FROM THE OLD MAN IN KYOTO,

TO THE MAGIC SCHOOL, AND SASAMINE-SAN'S FLUTE.

HEY, MADOKA-CHAN,

WHAT!?

IT'S BECAUSE I HAD STUFF I WANTED TO ASK MADOKA-CHAN ABOUT.

Awww, so this is thyaa-kun? How cute!

...WHAT'S AN "ALTER EGO" SUPPOSED TO BE?

AND ABOUT HOW MOKO-YAMA-SENSEI CRIED

AND THE FIGHT BETWEEN CAPUTSUN AND NOBU-YUKI-KUN.

SO I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT

AND FOUND MYSELF WONDERING WHAT AN "ALTER EGO" IS ANYWAY.

SO IF DAD'S SUFFERING, IKEMEN IS SUFFERING,

AND IF DAD'S HAPPY, IKEMEN IS, TOO...

ALTER EGO?

YEAH.

THAT'S WHAT THE PRETTY GUARDIAN ANGEL TOLD ME IN THAT DREAM.

CAN WE GO SOME-WHERE ELSE?

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THIS HERE.

WAIT.

YEAH, WE'RE GOING TO THE SHRINE!

HMM?

YOU HEADING OUT?

TAKE CARE!

IKEMEN* IS DAD'S ALTER EGO.

*T/N: Ikemen Shion's nickname is a slang term for a hot guy

OH!

FORGET ABOUT IT. YOU'RE NOT READY FOR IT YET AFTER ALL.

HUH? WHY?

OH YEAH, MADOKA-CHAN,

WHAT WAS THE STORY YOU WANTED TO TELL ME THAT DAD TOLD YOU?

?

MORE IM-PORTANTLY,

ACTUALLY, WHEN I WAS LITTLE,

I WAS SAVED BY IKEMEN ONCE, TOO.

I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE.

YES, MOST LIKELY.

I HAVEN'T EVEN TOLD ONIICHAN ABOUT THAT.

WHAAAAAT!?

REALLY!?

I WENT ALONG WITH SOME ADULTS I DIDN'T KNOW SO I COULD GO RIDE THE TRAIN TO THE BEACH.

I WAS THREE YEARS OLD AT THE TIME.

I TOLD YOU BEFORE ABOUT HOW I WAS JEALOUS OF REN

AND RAN AWAY, RIGHT?

APPEARING

LOSING BALANCE

AH.

AT THE PLATFORM,

MY FOOT SLIPPED.

TIP

I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING BUT HIS HAND.

THERE WAS THE HAND OF A MAN WITH DARK SKIN.

"OH, ONIICHAN JUST SAVED ME."

BUT FOR SOME REASON, I THOUGHT,

IT WAS IKE-MEN!

THE PERSON I SAW WAS THE SAME!

IKEMEN HAS DARK SKIN!

I THOUGHT I COULDN'T TELL THAT TO ANYONE BUT REN,

BUT IT'S FINE TO TELL YOU, TOO!

I'm jealous I wanted to see his face. too.

HE WAS A SUPER COOL-LOOKING GUY WHO SEEMED A LITTLE LIKE MY DAD!

HE WAS WAY COOLER THAN OCCHAN! ARE YOU SURE IT'S REALLY HIS ALTER EGO?

Vein popping

WHATEVER... SPEAKING OF IKEMEN,

ONICHAN IS FULL OF MYSTERIES...

NO COME BACK

Argh...

YOU'RE SAYING THIS WITHOUT EVER HAVING SEEN IKE-MEN'S FACE.

ONICHAN IS THE COOLEST MAN IN THE WORLD!

...TAKE THAT BACK...

Hahaha

TICK TICK

HE'LL ABSOLUTELY NEVER TELL YOU!

THAT'S OBVI-OUS!

BECAUSE HE WON'T EVEN TELL ME!!

...WHY NOT?

?

REN, DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE GUARDIAN ANGELS NOW?

YEAH, I DO!

HE TOLD YOU HE'D TELL YOU WHEN YOU GOT OLDER, DIDN'T HE?

YEAH, HE DID!

HE WON'T TELL YOU!

HE'S FULL OF SECRETS.

AND WON'T EVEN TELL ME, HIS OWN SISTER...

BUT HE STILL WON'T ANSWER ME ANYTIME I ASK!

EVEN WHEN I GROW UP, HE'LL TRY TO AVOID IT!!

SO, AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED, REN, HE WON'T TELL YOU!!

I CAN UNDERSTAND ALMOST ANYTHING, AND CAN CARRY ON ADULT CONVERSATIONS!

IT'S DEFINITELY SO!

...IS THAT SO...?

YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT!

DOESN'T LOOKING AT HIM REMIND YOU OF IKEMEN?

HE HAS DARK SKIN...

THAT'S WHY IT'S DEFINITELY SUSPICIOUS!

WHY NOT TRY ASKING HIM MORE ABOUT THIS?

YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH HARU-OJISAN, RIGHT?

SO, REN,

HUH? WHAT THE HELL?

ROGER!

HEY...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?

HOKUTO-SAN GOT MARRIED RECENTLY... SO... I HAVEN'T VISITED KACHIKO-CHAN'S HOUSE LATELY...

AHHH... KYOTO SURE IS GREAT...

HARU-OJISAN, I HAVE A QUESTION!!

AH... TO BE SLEEPING OUTSIDE, GOING FOR A WALK IN THE GREEN MEADOWS, STRETCHING OUT IN THE LONG GRASS AND LAZING IN THE SUN. .

THE PRETTY GUARDIAN ANGEL TOLD ME IN A DREAM

THAT IKEMEN IS DAD'S ALTER EGO!

THAT MAKES HER MOM'S ALTER EGO, DOESN'T IT!?

A DREAM ...?

...AND WHO IS IKEMEN, HUH?

Very

CRACK!

Gasp

WHAT?! A FOSTER FATHER?!

THIS IS VERY INTERESTING, TELL ME MORE DETAILS...

WITH A GIANT CAT?

EH? YOU SAW IKEMEN AS A CHILD?

WHAT WAS THAT PERSON'S NAME?

IKEMEN HAD IT ROUGH, DIDN'T HE?!

curious

IT'S NEVER WORKED WHEN I TRIED.

BUT...

HE *HAS* TO KNOW SOME-THING!!

JUST AS I THOUGHT

YOU USUALLY CAN'T DEPEND ON HARU-CHAN AT THESE TIMES.

SORRY, I'M FEELING A LITTLE TIRED...

IT SEEMS I MIGHT HAVE MADE IKEMEN A LITTLE ANGRY...

MADOKA... CHAN?

I

WANT TO KNOW THE HANDSOME GUARDIAN ANGEL'S SECRET...

WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO DO WITH ONIICHAN?

WHO IS IKEMEN?

WHY DOES HE PRETEND TO BE A NORMAL PERSON?

I'M ALSO A LITTLE BUSY WITH WORK, SO PLEASE COME AGAIN SOME OTHER TIME!

OOH.

A real brother complex?

ひいっ

Eep!

OH, I SEE...

SIGH

FIRST OF ALL,

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I MUST PROPERLY KNOW EVERY-THING ABOUT ONIICHAN...

RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN THINKING, WHAT IF ONLY REN

WERE TO KNOW HIS SECRETS...?

IT DEEPLY TROUBLES MY HEART...

So this is what blood relatives are for Dad?

I'm curious about this.

SO PLEASE, REN,

I'D LIKE YOUR COOPERA-TION IN FINDING OUT ONIICHAN'S SECRET!!

YEAH! I GOT IT, MADOKA-CHAN!

OKAY!

IT'S A LITTLE EARLY FOR IT, BUT HOW ABOUT WE TRY THIS?

PSYCHO-METRY* ...!

PSYCHO-METRY! DIDN'T YOU WRITE ABOUT IT YOURSELF IN THAT LETTER YOU SENT ME?

HUH? PSY... WHAT?

HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO SEE THE MEMORIES OF MOKOYAMA-SENSEI'S DECEASED CLASSMATE, SASAMINE-SAN?

ABOUT THE PAST OR ABOUT PEOPLE FROM OBJECTS OF THEIRS YOU TOUCH, RIGHT?

YOU'RE ABLE TO LOAD INFORMATION INTO YOUR BRAIN

YOU WERE USING THAT WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING IT, REN?!

THAT'S ONE OF THE SKILLS THAT COMES WITH PSYCHOMETRY!

YOU SAW SASAMINE'S MEMORIES FROM A LONG TIME AGO...

EXACTLY! JUST LIKE THAT!

ALL I DID WAS TOUCH HER FLUTE...

HUH?

AND WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU TOUCHED IT?

AH!

I GET IT!!

YOU'RE SAYIN' YOU WANNA USE THAT ON YOUR ONIICHAN?!

...WHAT. ?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER SOMEONE IS ALIVE OR DEAD, IT SHOULD STILL WORK!

WHA... BUT DAD'S STILL ALIVE!

PRECISELY!

I'M SURE THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

WERE JUST LENDING ME THEIR POWERS THAT TIME...

B-BUT... I WONDER IF I CAN DO IT OR NOT.

REN,

YOU'RE ONIICHAN'S AND ALICE-NEESAN'S CHILD, RIGHT?

...RIGHT!

WHY? YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.

WHAT IF IT'S YOUR OWN POWER?

BESIDES,

Hiwatari's endless chattering

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There weren't enough pages for "what an adult won't tell you" so I chose to tell you a bit about the past
Yes, well so to speak.. since it's about the time period between "Please save my earth" and "Embraced by the moonlight"

I'd be quite happy to do so
IF I ever find another topic one day, I think I wouldn't hesitate to talk about this time again

A high school father well, bygones.

"What an adult won't tell you" was done in January/February 2ΦΦ6

I immediately moved onto the next story in February/March I recall it was right at the time Shizuka Arakawa won a gold medal in Turin. A historic moment in the history of Japanese sports . yeah, yeah

Shizuka Arakawa, the figure skater, is really something! But I personally still prefer Fumie Suguri I looooooooove her!

*T/N. Suica passes can get you around the public transportation in Tokyo.

HERE YOU GO!

So that was it...!!

...

WHAT'S THAT, AN ESSAY?

LEMME SEE.

IT'S A POEM.

ONIICHAN WROTE IT WHEN HE WAS REN'S AGE,

AND I LOVE IT. .!

PSYCHO-METRIC REN!

HURRY, HURRY! HERE.

HMMM... IT'S CALLED, "WATCHING SUMMER GO BY".

"LET'S GO TO THE BEACH, ALICE"...

HEY, IT'S OBACHAN'S NAME!

IF I NEED DAD'S STUFF, THERE'S PLENTY AT MY HOUSE...

BUT WHY THIS?

BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AN ADULT'S FEEL NG

SO SUDDENLY, REN.

Hiwatari's endless Chattering

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Rm's little sister, Maaoka Kobayashu I think I Finally grasped her character at the end of the drafts of "what an adult won't tell you" Little did I know she would turn out like this But let's not forget she's Rm's little sister And she's bound to admire Alice.. There you go Logic made her that way

Oh yes I almost Forgot about it There's also "watching Summer Go By" I had absolutely no idea it would be reduced to ashes! But if you put yourself in the shoes of the writer, I think you'd have done the same thing!

There's not enough space left to go on with my rambling May the stars' protection, the light of the moon, and the blessings of the sun and the earth be upon you and your Family Keep your Feet on the ground and reach for the stars, and please be well Thank you very much

Saki Hiwatari,
June 8th, 2006

FIRST, YOU NEED SOME PRACTICE.
IT'LL BE EASIER FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND HIM.
IF IT'S SOMETHING HE WROTE WHEN HE WAS YOUR AGE,
LET'S GIVE IT A TRY
HMM. GOT IT.
...
Uh, yeah. That's it
"LET'S GO TO THE BEACH, ALICE. WHEN SUMMER COMES, IT WILL BE OUR SECRET"!!
YOU'RE JUST READIN' THE THING!!
NOT LIKE THAT...
YOU TOUCHED IT, AND THEN HOW DID YOU SEE SOMETHING?
TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID WITH THE FLUTE.
REALLY?
HUH?

...CAN YOU THINK OF WHAT?

SOMETHING YOU HAD THEN, ISN'T HERE NOW...

HMM... THEN THIS ISN'T WORKING.

BUT EVEN THOUGH I'M HOLDING THIS RIGHT NOW...

I JUST TOUCHED IT AND THEN...

...THAT TIME.

DAN-GER.

WHAT?

BUT I DON'T WANT TO SAY IT.

...I'VE THOUGHT OF IT,

WHAT~ I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING...

HAJIME, ALICE'S YOUNGER BROTHER (30 YEARS OLD)

COME ON, HA-JIMEEE~.

Rub Rub

ON YOUR BREAKS, YOU JUST LAZE AROUND THE HOUSE...!

AT LEAST GET THE BATH MAT THAT'S DRYING ON THE VERANDA, INSIDE!

GOT IT, GOT IT!

HM?

THE NE GH-BORS?

...THE KOBA-YASHI FAMILY, THEN?

Clack!

KYAA!

WOAH!

HEY, NOW WHAT DO I DO?!

SHOULD I READ IT?!

"WATCHING SUMMER GO BY"

"BY KOBAYASHI RIN, SECOND GRADE, CLASS ONE".

STOP, REN!! THIS ISN'T WORK-ING!

IT'S NOT WORKING, STOP!!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?! THIS IS THE 15TH FLOOR!!

REN!!

IS THAT YOU?!

MADO-KA!!

So this doesn't work

AH!

WHAT?! UH OH, IT'S HAJIME.

AH!

I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW!

HAJIME-OJISAN, LONG TIME NO SEE!

YOU AGAIN! YOU'RE ALWAYS UP TO NO GOOD, RIN'S LITTLE SISTER, YOU!

EVEN IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'RE STILL A DUMB KID!!

Pissed!

JUST LIKE RIN! GET OVER HERE RIGHT NOW!

Ahaha!

Pff—

Hee hee—

HEY, STOP!

Snort

SO YOU'RE ACTUALLY THAT KIND OF PERSON, HUH?

HAHAHAAHHAHA! WASN'T THAT FUN?

I'M JUST GONNA CALL YOU 'MADOKA' FROM NOW ON.

HAA... BUT WE FAILED, HUH...

Huff

Huff

IT'S OKAY, HE WON'T CHASE US ANYMORE.

I'M NO GOOD AFTER ALL...

Waiii

YOU SHOULD BE MORE POSITIVE!

THAT'S NOT IT, REN!

ON THE VERANDA OF MY HOME!

REGARDING ONIICHAN AND ALICE-NEESAN, EVERYTHING STARTED

BESIDES,

THEN AGAIN, THIS IS RINOCCHAN

WASN'T IT THAT OBASAN WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO BE MONITORING HIM?

Huff

IT WASN'T A BAD IDEA AFTER ALL. SEE?

REN, LET'S GO HOME. THIS GIRL MAKES ME REALLY NERVOUS.

HEHE.

AH... YEAH, DAD DID SAY THAT BEFORE

WHEN I ASKED HIM HOW HE LEARNED TO FLY.

ONIICHAN'S POWER WAS AWAKENED THEN!

YOU KNOW HOW ALICE-NEESAN WAS TRYING TO MAKE HIM APOLOGIZE, BUT MADE HIM FALL?

HADN'T YOU HEARD THAT?

THE RIGHT DAY WILL COME.

THAT WAY, I'M SURE

TAKE IT SLOW, OKAY?

WELL, WHATEVER.

ANYWAY.

ABOUT ONIICHAN AND IKEMEN IS

WHAT OUR BIGGEST CLUE

I KNOW

THAT

BETTER TO HAVE HIM COME PICK YOU UP, DON'T YOU THINK?

I'LL GIVE ONIICHAN. I'LL CALL HIM ON HIS CELL.

WHAT'S WITH THAT?

WHEN DID YOU GUYS GO OVER TO MY PARENTS' PLACE, ANYWAY?

I THOUGHT I'D SEE MADOKA-CHAN HOME,

NOT YOU GUYS!

...SORRY.

...WHAT'S THAT? REN, WERE YOU JUST TRYING TO HIDE SOMETHING?

Glance

RUSTLE

HUH? WHAT?

AH~ LET'S GO HOME, EVERY-ONE.

OBASAN, WE'RE BACK.

AAAHHH-HEY!

RE...

NO ONE'S GOING TO TRY THAT HARD TO SEE YOUR TREASURE!

EHEE

HEE HEE.

Dash

LET ME SEE—

—AH.

HEY, KACHIKO-CHAN.

HE WROTE THAT HE WANTED TO GO TO THE BEACH WITH OBASAN.

THAT'S TRUE, BUT. .

I WONDER WHAT DAD WAS TRYING TO SAY?

IN THIS POEM,

HM?

...THIS.

"EVERY DAY THE SUN BRINGS YOU TO ME, UNTIL THE MOON CATCHES UP, AND I'M LEFT, ALL ALONE...?"

AH— COM- ING!

KA- CHIKO- CHAN, THE BATH IS READY. YOU GO AHEAD FIRST!

"SUSPENDED BETWEEN PAST AND FUTURE," "I WANT TO SEE THAT SUMMER AGAIN, TOGETHER WITH YOU".

SIGH..... HE SAID "LEFT ALL ALONE", BUT I DISAGREE.

I FEEL MORE RE- LIEVED, LIKE IT'S WATCHING OVER ME, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE GUARDIAN ANGELS LIVE.

What did I say before Sasamine-san held out her flute to me?

I did do it once.

Why can't I do it with [redacted] important to me, like Dad?

Um...

Yeah, that was it.

"Does that flute mean anything?"

And Kachiko-chan was yelling to remember what happened in Kyoto...

"Ren, all people have a landscape that is nostalgic to them."

...That's right...

Gets up

That time, I just had to find something I could do...

right, guardian angels?

I'm so dumb, I forgot.

If they were feelings he was trying to convey,

then just like that time with Sasamine-san,

Just like the flute,

this paper holds Dad's feelings.

Sasamine-san was trying to get some message across to someone when she held her flute out.

Dad must be the same!

He was trying to get a message to someone.

I might receive them and give them to someone else...

Um, but to whom?

Knock Knock

HEY, REN, CAN I COME IN?

SQUEEZE

OH,
OH REALLY?

I HAVE SOME PICTURES OF DAD...

Shock
MM!

FROM ABOUT THE TIME HE WAS YOUR AGE!

...
WHAT?

AND THIS IS A PHOTO OF YOU FROM RIGHT NOW.

SEE?

TADA!

AND PUTTING THEM NEXT TO EACH OTHER,

IT'S PRETTY INTERESTING!

Ah...

SNAP

SEE?

Mom...

Ah! It's Mom!

Yes... The one he wanted to get his feelings across to was Mom...!!

You, everything, everyone

I want

to protect you.

the Earth.

GASP!

WAS SUPER OBNOXIOUS!

BUT YOU REN, YOU'RE VERY HONEST...

AND MORE CHILDLIKE... YOU'RE CUTE.

RIGHT ABOUT THIS TIME, YOUR DAD

I have to tell her!

BUT YOUR DAD...

I have to tell her!

M...

MOM...!!

D...

DAD...

YOU DON'T KNOW THIS, BUT...

AH...

UM...

YES?

DAD...

WHEN HE WAS WALKING WITH YOU,

AND...

...REN..?

HE WAS REALLY SHOCKED HE COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU!!

EVEN THOUGH YOU WEREN'T GOING VERY FAST,

AND DAD REALLY,

REALLY,

REALLY,

TRULY, WHEN IT CAME TO MOM, HE...

Wait
Wait
Wait
Wait

Wait!

I LIKED HIM ENOUGH TO MARRY HIM, DIDN'T I?! DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO TALK BAD ABOUT YOUR DAD!

REN...?!

NO... NO, ACTUALLY I,

Tossing.

But,

I don't get why

Dad's feelings

Just filled me up.

REN...!

I'm crying.

RIN-KUN, COME HERE REAL FAST!

HUH?

WHA...

WHAT...?!

WHAT IS THIS?!

SEE, REN? WE GET along JUST FINE, DON'T WE?

He liked her so much that it seems...

he just couldn't help it.

really

loved Mom.

Dad, when he was the same age as me,

It's weird...

HMM...

the view seems different today...

...AH...

Yaaaay!

DAD WOULD UP TELL-ING ME...

HEH

So that was what having someone pre-cious to you feels like, huh?

AH, YEAH.

MYST DET

A BUSI-NESS CARD...?

WHAT'S THIS, REN?

hyaaaahaha!

HEY, KACHIKO-CHAN, YES-TERDAY I MADE IT WORK

PSYCHOM-ETRY, THAT IS

A MYSTERY DETECTIVE? WHAT'S THIS?

WHAT'S A MYS-TERY DE-TECTIVE?

COOL! WHAT'D YOU FIND OUT?!

FOR REAL?!

YEAH.

FROM OCCHAN'S POEM?!

WHAT?!

... YOU DID

HUH?

WELL,

I REALLY WANTED TO FIND OUT MORE OF WHAT DAD THOUGHT

WHEN HE WAS MY AGE!!

WHAT THE HELL?!

MM...

Grab

IT'S A SECRET.

Eee

OHHHHH. AND?

...

MYSTERY DETECTIVE, KOBAYASHI REN

BUT I THINK I HAVE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DAD AND MY GUARDIAN ANGELS.

I'M GOING TO DEVELOP MY PSYCHOMETRIC SKILL...!

IN THAT CASE,

YOU SHOULD ADD "PSYCHOME-TRICIAN" IN YOUR TITLE HERE...

IT'S CLEARER, YOU KNOW?

AH! YOU ADDED "AGENCY".

MYSTERY DETECTIVE AGENCY, KOBAYASHI REN, PSYCHOMETRICIAN

THERE WE GO!

JUST LIKE MADOKA-CHAN SAID, I JUST NEED LESSONS.

I'M GOING TO GET LOTS OF EXPERIENCE AND REACH PRO-LEVEL!!

WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN?!

DUH!

OF COURSE I'M GONNA HELP, TOO!

WE GOTTA FIND OUR FIRST JOB!

Until now,

all I wanted was to know everything about my guardian angels.

...HM?

"Watching Summer Go By"?

RUSTLE RUSTLE

?

WHAT'S THIS?

Sorry, Dad, I'm returning this now

...HH...

Kyuuu

Of course, I still want to know about my guardian angels.

But for some reason,

now I want to know more about my dad most of all!

Antique

Need...more...staff...

ESTHETIQUE NEEDS YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS CUTE LITTLE FELLA! DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

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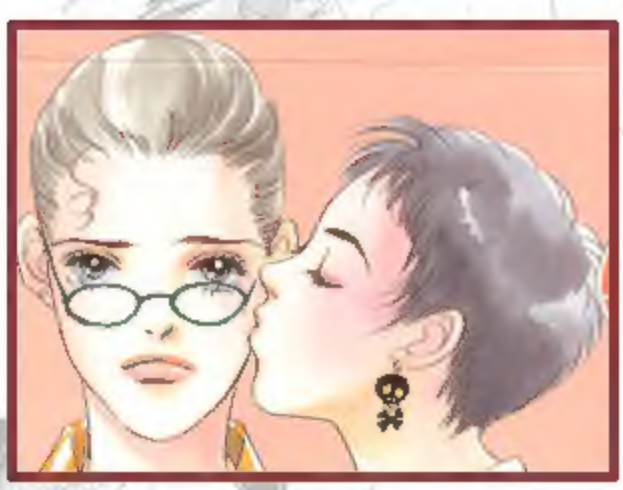

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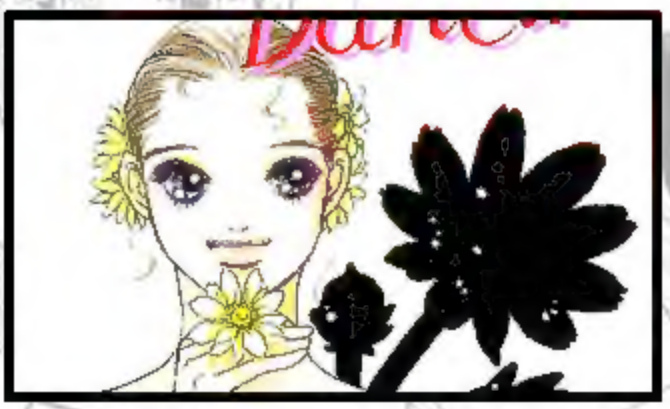

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